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Metro News Editors and Copy Editors:

As I start my new job on the City Desk, there's a couple of things I want to say.

The first is a simple "thank you" for all the hard work you put in during the years that I've been executive news editor.

A lot is asked of the metro copy and news desks. The daily crunch-time around here is as arduous and challenging as anywhere in the building, and no crew handles the pressure better. You routinely pull off miracles.

Second, I will miss working with you. We have gone through some remarkable changes in personnel and procedures, and through it all you got the job done with professionalism and flair.

I look forward to many friendly encounters with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Los Angeles Times

Inter-Office Correspondence

DATE: December 13, 1990

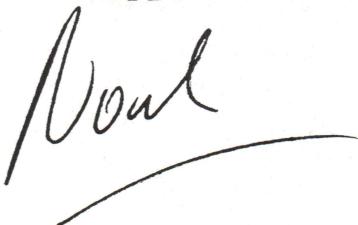
FROM: Noel Greenwood

SUBJECT: Staff Change

TO: Metro Desk and
Copy Desk

Steve Mitchell has been named Metro Executive News Editor, succeeding Jim Bornemeier, who is joining the City Desk as an editor there.

Steve will assume his new duties immediately, and will be responsible for all Metro news desk and copy desk operations.



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DATE: March 22, 1990

FROM: George Cotliar *GW*
SUBJECT: Abortion Terminology

TO: Editorial Staff

Effective immediately, we are changing Times style on abortion terminology in ways I hope will bring greater precision and fairness to our coverage of an emotionally charged debate.

The most obvious change involves use of the term "pro-choice," which no longer will be acceptable as a description of those who favor maintaining legal access to abortion. The preferred terms will be "abortion rights advocates," "supporters of legal abortion," "those who favor abortion rights" and the like.

It will not be acceptable to refer to "abortion advocates" or to describe this side of the debate as "pro-abortion." In fact, many such activists personally oppose abortions but simply think women should legally have the option to have one.

Since 1982 we have rejected the term "pro-life" to describe those opposed to abortion. That prohibition remains. This side of the debate should be described as "opponents of abortion," "abortion foes" or "anti-abortion."

The usual exceptions for proper names and terms used in direct quotations continue to apply.

I realize that these changes will complicate the already difficult task of headline writing. But they are necessary to ensure that Times coverage of the volatile issue remains dispassionate, fair and accurate.

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Style & Usage Report

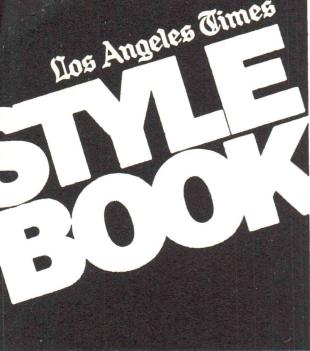
November, 1984

If you are not familiar with a foreign language, you are better off not trying to use it. The misuse of a foreign language in our paper is an insult to those who speak it, and it makes The Times look both ignorant and foolish. (The Times' library has a number of dictionaries of foreign languages, and there are quite a few editorial staffers who are fluent in French and Spanish; there are also many foreign consulates in Los Angeles and many college and university departments of foreign languages.)

Here are a few examples of misuse over the last few months:

- haute monde* (National). The French *haute* is feminine, *monde* is masculine; therefore: *haut monde*.
- aux Moulin Rouge* (View). The French *aux* is plural, *moulin* singular; therefore: *au Moulin Rouge*.
- aux mousseline* (Travel). The French *aux* is plural, *mousseline* singular; therefore: *au mousseline*, or perhaps *aux mousselines*.
- je ne c'est pas* (Sports). What the writer means is "I don't know," but the French *c'est* means it is, and the present tense first person of *savoir* (to know) is *sais*, which sounds exactly the same; therefore: *je ne sais pas*.
- au pair* "meaning an arrangement" (View). The French term *au pair* means on a par with, even with. So-called because *au pair* girls are accepted as being on a social level with their employer-hosts.
- de le mer* (Travel). The French *le* is masculine, *mer* feminine; therefore: *de la mer*.
- a guayavera shirt* (Metro). The Spanish word is spelled *guayabera* (and pronounced that way).
- porquoi* (Travel). The French word is spelled *pourquoi*.
- ad nauseum* (Metro). The Latin phrase is spelled *ad nauseam*.
- wundebar* (Sports). The German word is spelled *wunderbar*.
- chef de equine* (View). Two problems here: The French preposition *de* when followed by a word beginning with a vowel is abbreviated: *chef d'equine*; furthermore, the correct Olympic term is *chef d'équipe*, meaning chief of team. Equine is an adjective.
- parfumes* (View-Fashion 84). The French for perfume is *parfum*, and the plural is *parfums*.
- introduced his *fiance* (Calendar). She is presumably female; therefore: *fiancee*. But he is her *fiance*.

—FRED HOLLEY



Style & Usage Report

Sept. 12, 1988

More errors of all kinds. These occurred between Aug. 18 and Aug. 25.

FACTS:

- Queen of *Angeles* Medical Center (Metro). *Angels*.
- U.S. 9th Circuit Court of *Appeal* (San Diego). *Appeals*.
- Builder's* Emporium (Orange County Business). *Builders*. No apostrophe.
- Calvary *Church* [of Costa Mesa etc.] (San Diego). *Chapel*.
- Rep. Daniel *F.* Lungren (Metro, Aug). The initial is *E*.
- Firemen's* Fund Insurance Cos. (Metro). It's *Fireman's*.
- Lion's* Club (Orange County). *Lions*.
- California Peace *Officer's* Assn. (Metro). *Officers*. No apostrophe.
- Mt. *Palomar* (Orange County Business). *Palomar Mountain*.
- San de Los Lagos* (Metro). *San Juan de Los Lagos*.
- state Board of Education (Metro). Capitalize: *State*.
- state Board of Equalization (Metro). *State*.
- Assemblyman Terry Friedman (D-Sherman Oaks) (Metro). *Tarzana*.

SPELLING:

- back-pedaling* (Orange County Life). *backpedaling*.
- correspondance* (Westside). *correspondence*.
- isocynate* (Metro). *isocyanate*.
- preserverence* (Westside). *perseverance*.
- severly* (Ventura County). *severely*.
- unbelieveable* (Glendale). *unbelievable*.

- Bobby* [Fiedler] (Valley). *Bobbi*.
- Haight Ashbury* (Metro). *Haight-Ashbury*. Note hyphen.
- Isaac Walton League* (Westside). *Izaak*.
- John O'Groats* [Britain] (Westside). *John o'Groat's*.
- David C. *Lizzarraga* (Metro). *Lizarraga*.
- Camp *Pendelton* (Metro). *Pendleton*.
- [poet] *Perry Bysshe Shelley* (San Diego Calendar). *Percy*.
- Port Au Peck*, N.J. (Metro). *Port-au-Peck*.
- Ralph's* supermarket (Ventura County). *Ralphs*.
- Spyro* Gyra (Orange County Calendar). *Spyro*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- the *enormity* of the accident (Orange County). *enormousness*.
- the Rev.* LaSalle Hallissey (Metro). *Father*.
- its* a five-member board (San Gabriel). *it's*.
- women, blacks and *Hispanics* (Orange County Business). *Latinos*.
- died *from* gunshot wounds (Orange County). *of*.
- convicted of a drug charge (Metro). *on*.
- convince* Oliveira to leave (Ventura County). *persuade*.
- convinced* [the judge] to sign . . . (Metro). *persuaded*.
- forbids such vessels *from conducting* (Orange County). *to conduct*.
- forbids officers *from detaining* (San Diego). *to detain*.
- forbidding police *from holding* (San Diego). *to hold*.

FRED HOLLEY

Style & Usage Report

Sept. 16, 1988

More errors of all kinds. These occurred between Aug. 26 and Sept. 2.

FACTS:

- the Spanish *crown* ordered (Metro). Capitalize the entity: *Crown*.
- Deloitte, Haskins & Sells* (Orange County Business). No comma: *Deloitte Haskins*.
- Federal Correctional *Institute* (Metro). *Institution*.
- ping-pong* (Orange County). It's a trade name: *Ping-Pong*.
- Marlborough *school* (Metro). *School*. It's part of the name.
- Assemblyman Richard Katz (D-*Los Angeles*) (Metro). *Sepulveda*.
- Fresno Deputy *Sheriff's Assn.* (Metro). *Sheriffs'*.
- state* Board of Equalization (Metro). *State*.
- the *Straits of Magellan* (Metro). *Strait*.
- The Foxes Trot* [store] (Orange County). *Thee Foxes'*.
- [U.S.] Judge *Atsushi* Tashima (Metro). He uses *A. Wallace*.
- Wells, Fargo* Bank (Orange County). No comma: *Wells Fargo*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- Rep. Ron Dellums (D-*Calif.*) (Metro). *Berkeley*.
- centigrade* (Orange County). *Celsius*.
- we're *loathe* to say much (Valley Business). *loath*.
- so enamored *with* the sport (Westside Sports). *of*.
- a *teen-aged* friend (Orange County). *teen-age*.

SPELLING:

- accidently* (Metro). *accidentally*.
- buck-toothed* (Valley). *bucktoothed*.
- closed-mouthed* (San Diego Calendar). *closemouthed*.
- doubled-parked* (Valley). *double-parked*.
- jack-knifing* (Orange County). *jackknifing*.
- odiferous* (Valley). *odoriferous*.
- zieg* heil (Metro). *sieg*.

- Benecia* (Metro). *Benicia*.
- [Judge] Richard *Chauat* (Southeast). *Charvat*.
- [Anaheim Councilman] *Erhle* (Orange County). *Ehrle*.
- [Asst. D.A.] *Elliot* Moses (San Diego). *Elliott*.
- Kaiser-Permanente* (Metro). No hyphen: *Kaiser Permanente*.
- Phaselus lunatus* [lima bean] (Ventura County). *Phaseolus*.
- Lionel *Ritchie* (Metro). *Richie*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- a *buyer* purchased the lot (Metro). Obviously.

FRED HOLLEY

Style & Usage Report

Sept. 26, 1988

More errors of all kinds. These occurred between Sept. 2 and Sept. 9.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- inhabitants will be *impacted* (San Diego). *affected*.
- dance . . . like she did (Orange County Calendar). *as or the way*.
- raiding the Signal of key employees (Valley). *for*.
- forecasted* a net drop (Orange County). *forecast*.
- the refugee bureau did *it's* best (Metro). *its*.
- mucus* membranes (Metro). *mucous*. *Mucus* is the noun.
- forbids [the company] *from removing* (San Diego,). *to remove*.
- 2,500 BC (Orange County Life). 2500. No comma.
- brought the fire *into* containment (Metro). *under*.
- 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals (Valley Business). *U.S. 9th Circuit*.
- none of the team members *was* hit (Metro). *were*.
- who* she wanted to become . . . (San Gabriel). *whom*.

SPELLING:

- aqua culture* (Orange County). *aquaculture*.
- aluminium* (Valley). *aluminum*.
- benefitted* (Metro). *benefited*.
- cancelled* (Long Beach). *canceled*.
- car wash* (Metro). *carwash*.
- a *clients'* point of view (Valley). *client's*.
- desperados* (Metro). *desperadoes*.
- crusty . . . *foccacia* (Orange County Calendar). *focaccia*.
- tension-wracked* (Metro). *tension-racked*.
- top heavy* (Westside). *top-heavy*.
- unaccustommed* (San Diego Calendar). *unaccustomed*.

- [attorney] Ralph *Bencagney* (Orange County). *Bencangey*.
- Gov. George *Dukemejian* (San Gabriel). *Deukmejian*.
- Eschericia coli* [bacterium] (Metro). *Escherichia*.
- Ether* Dwyer Middle School (Orange County). *Ethel*.
- [novelist] Margaret *Langdon* (San Diego Calendar). *Landon*.
- Judge Joel *Rudoff* (Valley). It's *Rudof*. But note second misspelling in Parker Directory.
- Sigalert* (Metro). *SigAlert*.
- New Years Day (Metro). *Year's*.

FACTS:

- Mexican American Legal *Education and Defense* Fund (Metro). *Defense and Educational*.
- state* Board of Education (Metro). *State*. It's part of the name.
- state* Board of Equalization (Metro). *State*. Twice in a week.
- United *Teachers of Los Angeles* (Southeast). *Teachers-Los*. Hyphenate.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- seven pairs of twins with 14 eyes (Metro). Unless each twin has only one eye, the seven pairs of twins have 28 eyes.

FRED HOLLEY

Style & Usage Report

Nov. 4, 1988

More errors of all kinds. These occurred from Oct. 22 through Oct. 26.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- all and all*, the . . . (San Diego Business). *all in all*.
- died from a gunshot wound (Metro). *of*.
- died from . . . stab wounds (Orange County). *of*.
- convinced* [her] to give . . . (Orange County). *persuaded*.
- forbids anyone from disclosing (San Diego). *to disclose*.
- country and western (Metro). Capitalize: *Western*.
- the consultant who [he] hired (Long Beach). *whom*.

FACTS:

- Bear Stearns* [investment firm] (Metro, Orange County). *Bear, Stearns*. Note comma.
- [the county] Sheriff's Office (South Bay). *Department*.
- Assemblyman Bill Filanti (R-San Rafael) (Metro). *William J. Filante* (R-Greenbrae).
- Tail of the Cock* (Metro). *Tail o' the Cock*.
- state Sen. Estaban Torres (D-Los Angeles) (San Gabriel). *U.S. Rep.* Torres' first name is *Esteban*, and he's from *La Puente*.

SPELLING:

- cancelled* (Orange County Calendar). *canceled*.
- cold-blooded* (San Diego). One word: *coldblooded*.
- cooly* (Metro). *coolly*.
- fire fighters* (San Diego). One word: *firefighters*.
- half-brothers* (Orange County). Two words: *half brothers*
- head-first* (Metro). One word: *headfirst*.
- long-time* (Metro). One word: *longtime*.
- menance* (Valley). *menace*.
- packing-house* (Orange County). *packinghouse*.
- stock broker* (Long Beach). One word: *stockbroker*.

- Arovita* Elementary School (Orange County). *Arovista*.
- Bristol Meyers* (Orange County Business). *Bristol-Myers*.
- [consultant] *Darran* Chesin (Metro). *Darren*.
- commission] spokesman Fred *Eisland* (South Bay). *Eiland*.
- [Assistant U.S. Atty.] Gary *Fees* (Metro). *Feess*.
- Roland* [Unified School District] (Long Beach). *Rowland*.
- state Board of Equalization (Long Beach). Capitalize: *State*.
- Times-Mirror* Square (Metro). No hyphen: *Times Mirror*.

ERRATUM:

- It IS Merrill Lynch, *Pierce*, Fenner & Smith, not *Piece*. "Sometimes even good old Homer nods," as a Roman poet put it, and this old nit-picker sometimes does too.

FRED HOLLEY

Style & Usage Report

Dec. 5, 1988

More errors of all kinds. These occurred from Nov. 21 through Nov. 24.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- memorabilia *is* . . . (Orange County). *are*.
- Atty. Gen. *Richard L. Thornburgh* (Metro). He prefers *Dick*.
- a bird the size of a great Dane (Valley). Capitalize: *Great*.
- ordered him to *lay* on his stomach (San Diego). *lie*.
- certain claims *mitigate* against . . . (San Diego Calendar). *militate*.
- “*Litanies a la Vierge Noir*” (Orange County Calendar). *Noire*.
- convicted of a felony narcotics charge (Valley). *on*.
- state* Water Resources Control Board (Metro). Capitalize: *State*.
- taxidermied* wild animals (Orange County Calendar). There's no such verb: *mounted*.
- thusly* (San Diego). *thus*.
- forbids employees *from parking* (Valley). *to park*.
- Rep. Wally Herger (R-Calif.) (Metro). *Yuba City*.

SPELLING:

- [Deputy Atty. Gen.] *Yeoryios Appallas* (Orange County Calendar). *Apallas*.
- Bullock's Wilshire* (Orange County Life). It's *Bullock's* but: *Bullocks Wilshire*.
- Deloitte, Haskins & Sells* (Orange County Business, Orange County Life). No comma: *Deloitte Haskins*.
- [actor] *Mike Farrel* (Westside). *Farrell*.
- Mt. *Ranier* (Valley). *Rainier*.
- Toowang* [Australia] (Metro). *Toowong*.

- acre feet* (Metro). Hyphenate: *acre-feet*.
- bee-keepers* (Orange County Life). *beekeepers*.
- break-up* (Metro). One word: *breakup*.
- camaderie* (Orange County). *camaraderie*.
- flood lights* (Metro). One word: *floodlights*.
- to *force feed* them (Metro). Hyphenate: *force-feed*.
- hand-picked* (Metro). One word: *handpicked*.
- honey bee* (Orange County Life). *honeybee*.
- immediatedly* (San Diego Business). *immediately*.
- jammed-packed* (Orange County). One word: *jampacked*.
- lunch-time* (Westside). *lunchtime*.
- mid-air* (San Diego Calendar). *midair*.
- other-wordly* (Westside). *otherworldly*.
- paperwork* (Metro). Two words: *paper work*.
- philantrropy* (Orange County). *philanthropy*.
- super efficiency* (Orange County Life). Hyphenate: *super-efficiency*.

FACTS:

- Municipal Judge *Glenette Blackwood* (Valley). *Blackwell*.
- the 3 p.m. witching hour (Metro). The witching hour is *midnight*.
- Stealth* bomber (Metro). Lowercase: *stealth*.

FRED HOLLEY

Style & Usage Report

Dec. 13, 1988

More errors of all kinds. These occurred from Nov. 30 through Dec. 6.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- a harmful *bacteria* (Metro). *bacterium*.
- CalTrans* (Ventura County). *Caltrans*.
- the tournament . . . has run *continuously* since 1945 (Ventura County). *continually*.
- run the *gauntlet* (Orange County Calendar). *gantlet*.
- some of the *Nazi*'s political ideas (Orange County). *Nazis'*.
- they accused officials of *purposefully* skewing data (Metro). *purposely*.
- wracked* by chaos (San Diego). *racked*.

SPELLING:

- Bear Stearns* & Co. (Valley). Note comma: *Bear, Stearns*. . . .
- B'Nai B'Rith* (San Diego). *B'nai B'rith*.
- Wake Forrest* University (San Gabriel). *Forest*.
- Hewlett Packard* (Orange County Life). Hyphenate: *Hewlett-Packard*.
- Mercedes, Porches* and Cadillacs (Metro). *Mercedeses, Porsches*.
- [Humboldt County Supervisor] Harry *Pritchard* (Metro). *Pritchard*.
- Prizzio and Tremble* industrial complex (Orange County). *Prizio & Tremble*.
- Doc *Severinson* (Ventura County). *Severinsen*.
- Shipbuilder's* Council (Metro). No apostrophe: *Shipbuilders*.
- Smith *Barney Harris* Upham (Metro). Note comma: . . . *Barney, Harris*. . . .
- Suburu* (Metro). *Subaru*.
- attorney Patricia *Ulibarra* (San Diego). *Ulibarri*.

- ambience* (San Diego). *ambiance*.
- assessment* (Metro). *assessment*.
- coffee house* (San Diego). One word: *coffeehouse*.
- consul-general* (Orange County Life). No hyphen: *consul general*.
- ferry boat* (Metro). One word: *ferryboat*.
- gets a *going over* (Metro). Hyphenate: *going-over*.
- home-town* (Orange County Business). One word: *hometown*.
- efficiently *laid* out (Orange County Calendar). *laid*.
- liquid amber* trees (Metro). *liquidambar*.
- long-time* (Metro). One word: *longtime*.
- sea shell* (Metro). *seashell*.
- shin splints* (Metro). *shinsplints*.
- stick-up* (Metro). *stickup*.
- uptight* (San Diego). Hyphenate: *up-tight*.
- working men* (Ventura County). One word: *workingmen*.

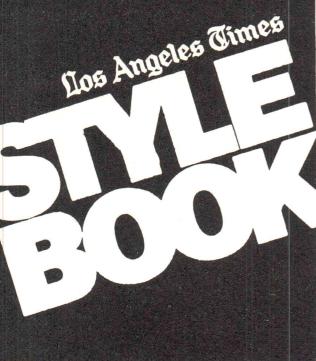
FACTS:

- Assemblyman Richard E. Floyd (D-Hawthorne) (Metro). A change: *Carson*.
- Neiman-Marcus* (Metro). The hyphen has recently been dropped: *Neiman Marcus*.
- sheet rock* (Orange County). It's a trade name: *Sheetrock*.

MISCELLANEOUS

- a gay activist *diagnosed as having AIDS* (Metro). Doctors diagnose the condition or the disease, not the patient: *found to have AIDS*.

FRED HOLLEY



Style & Usage Report

Jan. 10, 1989

More errors of all kinds. These occurred from Dec. 30 through Jan. 3.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- making stops *to* discount tobacco stores (Metro). *at*.
- an *exultant* status (Metro). *exalted*.
- to run a *gauntlet* (San Diego). A gauntlet is a glove: *gantlet*.
- But he *is* yet to operate . . . (Metro). *has*.
- if . . . *its* in good taste (Westside). *it's*.
- wracked* an economy (Valley). *racked*.
- state* Board of Equalization (San Diego). Capitalize: *State*.
- forbidden *from divulging* (Metro). *to divulge*.
- vitamin* C (San Diego). Capitalize: *Vitamin*.

FACTS:

- [a California] Court of *Appeals* (Metro). *Appeal*.
- Assemblyman Richard Floyd (D-Gardena). (Long Beach). *Carson*.
- the Anglican *communion* (Metro). Capitalize: *Communion*.
- McDonnell-Douglas Plaza* (Orange County). Its name is *Douglas Plaza*.
- U.S. *Marshal's* Service (Metro). No apostrophe: *Marshals*.
- the excess *mucus* (Metro Science). *mucus*.
- No-Doze* [tablets] (San Diego Calendar). *No Doz*.
- federal Bureau of *Prison* officials (Metro). *Prisons*.
- popsicle* (Orange County Calendar). It's a trademark: *Popsicle*.

SPELLING:

- Reagan's home in *Bel Air* (Orange County). *Bel-Air*.
- New Years Day (San Diego). Note apostrophe: *Year's*.

- air-brushed* (Metro). One word: *airbrushed*.
- back-biting* (Metro). *backbiting*.
- brand new* (Metro, Orange County). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
- chop house* (San Diego). One word: *chophouse*.
- counter-culture* (Metro). *counterculture*.
- desireable* (Orange County). *desirable*.
- epidemologist* (Orange County). *epidemiologist*.
- fairy-tales* (Metro). Two words: *fairy tales*.
- in-fighting* (Metro). One word: *infighting*.
- kidnapped* (Valley). *kidnaped*.
- labeled* (San Diego). *labeled*.
- the *lame duck* President (Metro). Hyphenate: *lame-duck*.
- mid-week* (San Diego). One word: *midweek*.
- over-achievers* (Metro). *overachievers*.
- plutonic . . . relationships* (Orange County Life). *plutonic*.
- rest rooms* (Metro). One word *restrooms*.
- roof-top* (Metro). *rooftop*.
- semi-weekly* (San Diego). *semiweekly*.
- snow-capped* (Orange County). *snowcapped*.

FRED HOLLEY

Style & Usage Report

Jan. 26, 1989

Recent bulletins have been punched to facilitate insertion in binders. This is in response to requests from some staff members. The current crop of errors covers the period from Jan. 8 through Jan. 19.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- there already *is* a . . . number of . . . (Metro). *are*.
- I bid* adieu to the bartender (Metro). *bade*.
- the communities . . . which *comprise* the city (Valley). *compose*.
- [they] *mistakingly* assume (San Diego). *mistakenly*.
- it seemed an improvement *from* the life . . . (Metro). *on*.
- state* Board of Equalization (Metro). Capitalize: *State*.
- forbid dogs *from roaming* (San Diego). *to roam*.
- one of the eight seiners that *was* . . . (San Diego). *were*.
- they *would like to have been* jurors (Metro). *would have liked to be*.

FACTS:

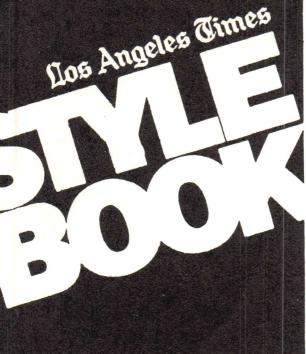
- bachelor of *art* degrees (San Diego Calendar). *arts*.
- a *Scottish citizen* (Orange County). a *British subject*.
- the *U.S. Park Service* (Metro). *National*.

SPELLING:

- Banker's Mortgage Service Corp.* (Orange County Business). No apostrophe: *Bankers*.
- [spokesman] Russell *Lemieux* (San Diego Business). *Lemieux*.
- [state] Sen. James W. *Neilsen* (Metro). *Nielsen*.
- Sea *Shepard* Conservation Society (Metro). *Shepherd*.
- the *Vietcong* (Metro). *Viet Cong*.
- [South Pasadena] Mayor James *Woolacott* (San Gabriel). *Woollacott*.

- alloted* (San Diego). *allotted*.
- batallion* (Orange County). *battalion*.
- boarding houses* (Metro). One word: *boardinghouses*.
- clothes horses* (San Diego). *clotheshorses*.
- death trap* (Westside). *deathtrap*.
- half-brother* (Metro). Two words: *half brother*.
- honky tonks* (Orange County Calendar). *honky-tonks*.
- light years* (Metro). *light-years*.
- loosly* (Valley Business). *loosely*.
- miniscule* (Metro). *minuscule*.
- subsequently* (Metro). *subsequently*.

FRED HOLLEY



Style & Usage Report

Feb. 2, 1989

Recent bulletins are being hole-punched to facilitate insertion in binders. This is in response to requests from some staff members. The current errors cover the period from Jan. 20 through Jan. 25.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- . . . *like* they had earlier (Metro). *as*.
- [Heidi's] frozen *desert* (Orange County Business). *dessert*.
- he makes *due* on his scant salary (Metro). *do*.
- none of the youths *has* come forward (San Diego). *have*.
- *uncontestable* (Metro). *incontestable*.
- *convinced* [him] to leave it (San Diego Calendar). *persuaded*.
- *predominately* (Metro). *predominantly*.
- *reminiscenced* (San Diego Calendar). *reminisced*.
- neither Roth nor Bergamo . . . *were* (Metro). *was*.

FACTS:

- [San Diego attorney] *Leonard Radomile* (San Diego). His name is *Leonardo*.
- *master's* of science degrees (Metro). *master*.
- *state* Board of Control (Metro). Capitalize: *State*.
- *state* Board of Equalization (San Gabriel, Southeast). *State*.

SPELLING:

- *blood stream* (Metro). One word: *bloodstream*.
- *brain dead* (Orange County). Hyphenate: *brain-dead*.
- *cold-blooded* (Westside). One word: *coldblooded*.
- *crow bar* (Valley Business). *crowbar*.
- *hand-picked* (Metro). *handpicked*.
- *kilowatt hours* (Metro, San Diego). Hyphenate: *kilowatt-hours*.
- *log-rolling* (Orange County). One word: *logrolling*.
- *mini-skirt* (San Diego). *miniskirt*.
- *post-war* (Metro, San Diego). *postwar*.
- *wash basin* (San Gabriel). *washbasin*.

- Deputy Dist. Atty. Sandra *Buttita* (Metro). *Buttitta*.
- [County Supervisor] *Harriet* Wieder (Orange County). *Harriett*.
- *Jonathon* Cannon (Orange County). *Jonathan*.
- Santa *Susanna* mountains (Valley). *Susana*.
- [Deputy City Atty.] Grant *Telfor* (San Diego). *Telfer*.
- *Vandenburg* Air Force Base (Valley). *Vandenberg*.

FRED HOLLEY

Style & Usage Report

Feb. 15, 1989

Recent bulletins have been hole-punched to facilitate insertion in binders. This is in response to requests from some staff members. The current errors cover the period from Feb. 3 through Feb. 9.

FACTS:

- "Hello Dolly" (Metro). Note comma: "Hello, Dolly"
- U.S. District Judge Terry A. Hatter (Metro). It's *J*.
- Court of St. James (Metro). Oddly enough, it's *James's*.
- Pavilion Places* (Metro). *Pavilions Place*.
- renaissance man (Metro). Capitalize: *Renaissance*.
- Heron, Burchette, Ruckert & Rockert [lobbying firm] (Metro). *Rothwell*.
- Von's markets (Metro). No apostrophe: *Vons*.

SPELLING:

- Walter Cronkhite (Orange County Life). *Cronkite*.
- [Police Chief] Darryl Gates (Valley). *Daryl*.
- Gazari's* (Valley Calendar). *Gazzari's*
- Grammercy* Place (Metro). *Gramercy*.
- [Judge] Douglas *Ginsberg* (Orange County Calendar). *Ginsburg*.
- Kearney* Mesa Road (San Diego). *Kearny*.
- [Municipal Judge] E. Mack Amos (San Diego). *Mac*.
- [store executive] Marty *Wikstrom* (Orange County Life). *Wikstrom*.
- [Nigerian playwright] Woye Soyinka (San Diego Calendar). *Wole*.

- ball game* (Metro). One word: *ballgame*.
- cab driver* (Metro). *cabdriver*.
- chit-chat* (Metro, San Diego). *chitchat*.
- drug store* (Metro). *drugstore*.
- feeble-minded* (Orange County Calendar). *feebleminded*.
- goose-neck* lamp (Westside). *gooseneck*.
- office holders* (Metro). *officeholders*.
- pageantry* (Orange County). *pageantry*.
- pall bearers* (Metro). One word: *pallbearers*.
- pot-luck* (San Diego). *potluck*.
- re-election* (San Diego, Orange County). *reelection*.
- de rigueur* (Orange County Life). *rigueur*.
- second-hand* (Orange County). One word: *secondhand*
- semi-automatic* (San Gabriel). *semiautomatic*.
- snow-capped* (Metro). *snowcapped*.
- sub-group* (Orange County Business). *subgroup*.
- sub-zero* (Metro). *subzero*.
- wrong-headed* (San Diego). *wrongheaded*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- took umbrage *with* allegations (San Gabriel). *at*.
- her *childrens'* school (Metro). *children's*.
- its* all white (Metro). *it's*.
- died *from* the disease (Metro). Twice in the week: *of*.
- neither of [them] *were* (Westside Sports). *was*.
- who's* using it . . . (Metro). *who's*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Carl Covitz, *undersecretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development* (Metro). He isn't *undersecretary* of the department; he's *undersecretary of housing and urban development*.
- items . . . *robbed from* . . . Rangel (Metro). Things are not *robbed from* a person; a person is *robbed of* the things.

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Style & Usage Report

March 10, 1989

Recent bulletins have been hole-punched to facilitate insertion in binders. This is in response to requests from some staff members. The current list covers the period from Feb. 24 through March 3.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- . . . *like* many experts figure (Metro). *as*.
- [he was a] *bourgeoisie* (San Diego Calendar). *bourgeois*.
- one of every six . . . *are* married (Metro). *is*.
- *possessed* by his [ex-wife's] infidelity (Metro). *obsessed*.
- . . . died *from* liver cancer (Metro). *of*.
- Young *Peoples'* concerts (San Diego Calendar). *People's*.
- . . . forbade [them] *from blockading* (Metro). *to blockade*.

SPELLING:

- *Achilles* tendon (Orange County). Note apostrophe: *Achilles'*.
- the *Bobbie* Twins (Orange County Life). *Bobbsey*.
- Newport News Shipbuilding & *Drydock* Co. (Orange County Business). Two words: *Dry Dock*.
- *Encyclopedi*a Britannica (Metro). *Encyclopaedia*.
- [Judge] *John* Mayeda (Metro). *Jon M.*
- *Kearney* Mesa (San Diego Calendar). *Kearny*.
- *Mojave* County [Arizona] (San Diego). *Mohave*.
- *Prudential* *Bache* (San Diego Business). Hyphenate: *Prudential-Bache*.
- "The Good Woman of *Sezuan*" (San Diego Calendar). *Setzuan*.
- *Sherwin* *Williams* (Metro). *Sherwin-Williams*.
- [Judge] *Susan* S. Shaw (Orange County). *Susanne*.
- [state Sen.] *Waddie* P. Deddeh (Metro). *Wadie*.

- *anti-social* (San Diego). One word: *antisocial*.
- *apprently* (Metro). *apparently*.
- *audio tape* (Metro, San Diego Calendar). One word: *audiotape*.
- *body surfing* (Orange County). *bodysurfing*.
- *book shops*, *book stores* (Metro). *bookshops*, *bookstores*.
- *brand new* (Orange County). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
- *brow-beaten* (San Diego). One word: *browbeaten*.
- *consul-general* (Metro). No hyphen: *consul general*.
- . . . *faired* almost as well (Long Beach Sports). *fared*.
- *flood lights* (Metro). One word: *floodlights*.
- the show . . . never *gels* (San Diego Calendar). *jells*.
- *good-bye* (Glendale). One word: *goodby*.
- *gun runners* (San Diego). *gunrunners*.
- *half-brother* (Metro). Two words: *half brother*.
- *long-time* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *longtime*.
- *night-time* (Metro). *nighttime*.
- *pony-tailed* (San Diego). *ponytailed*.
- *semi-monthly* (Valley). *semimonthly*.
- *sun lamps* (Orange County Life). *sunlamps*.
- *weight lifting* (San Diego Calendar). *weightlifting*.
- *zig-zag* (Ventura County). *zigzag*.

FACTS:

- *Green Point* [New York City] (Valley). *Greenpoint*.
- "Hello Dolly" (San Diego Calendar). "Hello, Dolly!"
- (San Clemente Mayor) Brian R. Rice (Orange County). The initial is *J*.
- *Nat* (Cannonball) Adderly (Metro). Cannonball's first name was *Julian*; *Nat* was his brother.
- the *Soho* District [of New York] (Metro). *SoHo*.

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Style & Usage Report

April 27, 1989

This report covers the period from April 13 through April 19.

SPELLING:

- [former U.S. Rep.] Shirley *Chisolm* (San Diego Calendar). *Chisholm*.
- Caren *Daniels Meade* (Metro). Hyphenate: *Daniels-Meade*.
- Helen *Gahagen Douglas* (Metro). *Gahagan*.
- Hewlett Packard* (San Diego Business). Hyphenate: *Hewlett-Packard*.
- Lion's Club* (San Diego Calendar). No apostrophe: *Lions*.
- Los Angelicization* (Metro). *Angelicization*.
- Fire Marshall* Michael Doty (Orange County). *Marshal*.
- Morrison Knudson* (San Diego Business). *Morrison-Knudsen*.
- [novelist] *Nathaniel West* (Metro). *Nathanael*.
- Neiman-Marcus* (Metro, Orange County). The firm has dropped the hyphen: *Neiman Marcus*.
- J. B. *Priestly* (San Diego Calendar). *Priestley*.
- Publisher's Weekly* (San Diego Business). No apostrophe: *Publishers*.
- Shearson, Lehman Hutton* (Metro). No comma: *Shearson Lehman*.
- Ventura Star Free Press* (Metro). Note hyphen: *Star-Free Press*.
- Warner-Robbins* Air Force Base (Metro). *Warner Robins*.
- Johnny *Weissmuller* (Westside). *Weissmuller*.

- band leader* (San Gabriel). One word: *bandleader*.
- buffetting* (Metro). *buffeting*.
- bullet-proof* (Metro). *bulletproof*.
- cancelled* (Orange County Calendar). *canceled*.
- far-away* (Orange County). *faraway*.
- forest green* (Westside). Hyphenate: *forest-green*.
- horse-players* (San Gabriel). One word: *horseplayers*.
- likeable* (San Diego Calendar). *likable*.
- long-time* friend (Metro). One word: *longtime*.
- night-time* (Metro). One word: *nighttime*.

FACTS:

- [U.S.] 9th Circuit Court of *Appeal* (Long Beach). *Appeals*.
- the “*Days of Rage*” at the 1968 Democratic Party convention in Chicago (Metro). The convention was in 1968, and there were demonstrations connected with it, but the “*Days of Rage*” were in 1969.
- Jimmy (the Weasel) Fratianno* (San Diego). *Aladena (Jimmy the Weasel) Fratianno*.
- L. A. Bean* [mail order firm] (Orange County). *L. L. Bean*.
- The *Robeson* newspaper [North Carolina] (Metro). *Robesonian*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- audio tape* (San Diego Business) One word: *audiotape*.
- a man described as a *confidante* (San Diego). *confidant*.
- eying* (Orange County). *eyeing*.
- concurred with* a suggestion (Valley). *in*.
- more importantly*, he wasn’t . . . (Orange County). *more important*.
- convinced* [Collins] to be . . . (Orange County). *persuaded*.
- convinced* the restaurant to start . . . (San Diego Calendar). *persuaded*.
- state* Board of Education (Orange County). Capitalize: *State*.
- forbade* [them] *from coming* (Metro). *to come*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- he has not been *diagnosed with the disease itself* (Metro). Diseases or conditions are diagnosed, not people. Make it: *found to have the disease itself*.
- James Schlesinger, former *secretary of the Department of Energy* (Orange County Business). He was *secretary of energy*, not secretary of the department.

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Style & Usage Report

May 19, 1989

This report covers the period from May 5 through May 11.

SPELLING:

- Benecia* (Metro). *Benicia*.
- “. . . the Inmates of the Asylum of *Clarenton* . . .” (San Gabriel). *Charenton*.
- Judge Janice *Clair* Croft (Metro). *Claire*.
- [actor] Ronald *Coleman* (Orange County Calendar). *Colman*.
- Krushchev* (San Diego). *Khrushchev*.
- Hedy *Lamar* (Metro). *Lamarr*.
- Lucy Manet* [in “Tale of Two Cities”] (San Diego Calendar). *Lucie Manette*.
- Morrison Knudson* Co (San Diego). *Morrison-Knudsen*
- Neiman-Marcus* (Metro). No hyphen: *Neiman Marcus*.
- Oliver Stover Barr and Einboden* (South Bay). *Oliver, Stoever, Barr & Einboden*.
- [Superior Court] Judge Robert *Olsen* (San Gabriel). *Olson*.
- Deputy Dist. Atty. Gary *Rempel* (San Diego). *Rempel*.
- “The World of *Scholem Aleichem*” (Metro). *Sholom*.
- “*Tea House* of the August Moon” (Metro). One word: *Teahouse*.

- church-going* (San Diego). One word: *churchgoing*.
- fluorescent* lights (Valley View). *fluorescent*.
- folklore* (Metro). One word: *folklore*.
- forced to take *Hemlock* (Metro). Lower case: *hemlock*.
- high rises* (Metro). Hyphenate: *high-rises*.
- a life-long* [interest] (Metro). One word: *lifelong*.
- long-time* [the adjective] (Metro, San Diego, San Gabriel, Southeast). *longtime*.
- micro-grams* (Metro). *micrograms*.
- mindset* (San Diego Calendar). Hyphenate: *mind-set*.
- night club* (Metro). One word: *nightclub*.
- pig pen* (Orange County). *pigpen*.
- predominately* (San Gabriel Valley). *predominantly*.
- signalled* (Metro). *signaled*.
- “*wannabe*” gang members (South Bay). Hyphenate: *wanna-be*.
- weight-lifting* (Metro). One word: *weightlifting*.
- whodunnit* (San Diego Calendar). *whodunit*.
- year-long* (Southeast). One word: *yearlong*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- there is *graffiti* (Metro). *are*.
- dogs and cats *comprise* the majority (Orange County Life). *compose*.
- foregoing* their renters’ credit (Metro). *forgoing*.
- wonder if *its* merely stylishness (San Diego Calendar). *it’s*.
- died *from* AIDS (Metro). *of*.
- died *from* a head injury (Metro). *of*.
- state* Board of Equalization (Metro). Capitalize: *State*.
- State* Coastal Commission (San Diego). This one’s lower-cased: *state*.
- an agent . . . *wangled* her an audition (San Diego Calendar). *wangled*.
- well-kempt* (Westside). *well-kept*.

FACTS:

- Department of *Interior* (Metro). It’s *the Interior*.
- Kidder Peabody & Co.* (San Diego Business). Note comma: *Kidder, Peabody*.
- U.S. *Marshal’s* Service (Orange County). No apostrophe: *Marshals*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- he was* quickly diagnosed as . . . (Orange County). Symptoms and conditions are diagnosed, not people: *his condition was*.
- Unlike a mall, Stitzel has proposed a design* . . . (San Gabriel). A dangling phrase. Make it: *Unlike a mall, Stitzel’s proposed design* . . .

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Style & Usage Report

May 25, 1989

This report covers the period from May 13 through May 17.

FACTS:

- Boy's* Big Boy (Metro). *Bob's*
- Irella Manella* [law firm] (Metro). The second time this month: *Irell & Manella*.
- Rep. David Dreier (R-Covina) (San Gabriel). *La Verne*.
- Municipal Judge Lillian *Lin* Quon (San Diego). *Lim*.
- the *Register of Orange County* (Metro). It is now the *Orange County Register*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- balked *about* the destruction (San Diego). *at*.
- homeowners *comprise* only one-third of the population (Metro). *compose*.
- ridding from the marketplace . . . assault guns* (Metro). *ridding the marketplace of assault guns*.
- state* Board of Equalization (Metro). Capitalize: *State*.
- complained *about wanting* to go home (Metro). Surely the complaint wasn't *about wanting* but *that they wanted to go home*.
- Rev.* Cecil Murray (Metro). It's *the Rev.*

SPELLING:

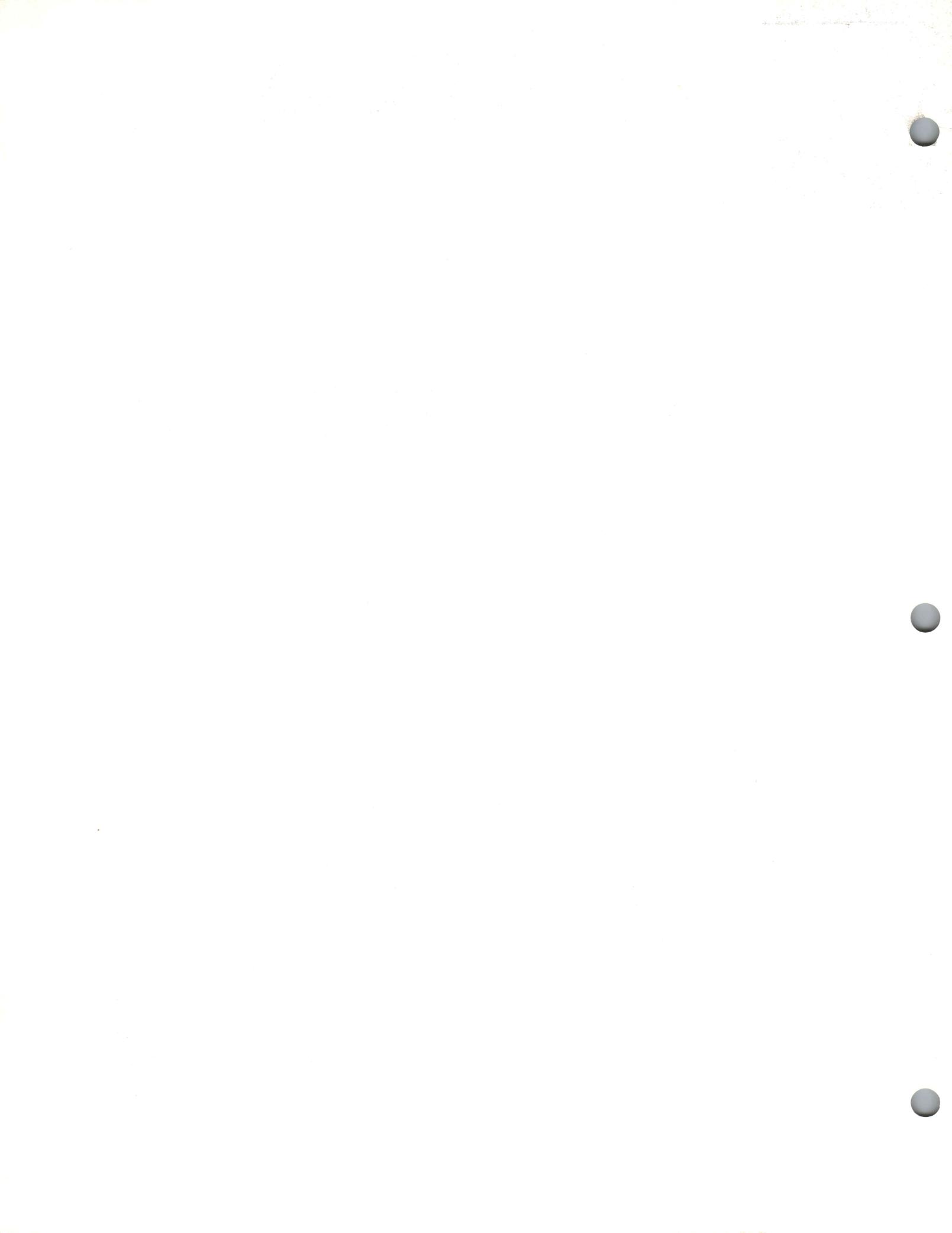
- Ameriage* [Avenue] (Orange County Life). *Amerige*.
- St. *Bernadine's* Hospital (Metro). *Bernardine*.
- New *Dehli* (Orange County Life). *Delhi*.
- Deloitte, Haskins & Sells* (Valley Business). No comma: *Deloitte Haskins*.
- doberman* (Metro). Capitalize: *Doberman*.
- to proclaim the *gospel* (Orange County). Capitalize: *Gospel*
- Research Center of *Kabala* (Westside). *Kabbalah*.
- Merck *Sharpe & Dohme* (Metro). *Sharp*.

- audio tape*, Valley). One word: *audiotape*.
- bird shot* (Metro). *birdshot*.
- blood stream* (Metro). *bloodstream*.
- brand new* (Orange County Business). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
- cab driver* (Metro). One word: *cabdriver*.
- cancelled* (San Gabriel). *canceled*.
- cold-blooded* (Orange County). One word: *coldblooded*.
- corralling* (Metro). *corralling*.
- county-wide* (San Gabriel). One word: *countywide*.
- day-long* [the adjective] (Metro). *daylong*.
- fender benders* (Orange County). Hyphenate: *fender-benders*.
- hum-drum* (Metro). One word: *humdrum*.
- lunch time* (Metro). *lunchtime*.
- off-hand* remarks (Metro). *offhand*.
- school children* (Metro). *schoolchildren*.
- school teacher* (Metro). *schoolteacher*
- sizeable* (Metro, Valley Business). *sizable*.
- straight-laced* (Metro). *strait-laced*.
- tee-shirts* (Metro). *T-shirts*.
- third grader* (Metro). Hyphenate: *third-grader*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- A recent bulletin corrected the spelling *almondine* to *almandine*. This, too, is incorrect. It should be *amandine*.
- I am informed that Cedars-Sinai spokesman Ron Wise prefers to be referred to as *Ron* rather than *Ronald*.

FRED HOLLEY



Style & Usage Report

May 31, 1989

This report covers the period from May 18 through May 24.

FACTS:

- coup de gras*, or *contact wound* (San Diego View). It's *coup de grace* and it's a *fatal* or *conclusive blow*.
- Plant City, W.Va., and Buckhannon, Fla. (Ventura County). Plant City is in *Florida*, and Buckhannon is in *West Virginia*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- looked *like* she had (San Gabriel). *as if*.
- his *calloused* approach (Orange County). *callused* or *callous*.
- crumpling* sidewalks (Long Beach). *crumbling*.
- middle-age* men (San Diego View). *middle-aged*.
- state* Board of Equalization (San Diego Business). Capitalize: *State*.
- teacher's* strike (Metro). *teachers'*.
- man . . . who Malibu took to its heart (Metro). *whom*.

SPELLING:

- death row* (Orange County). Capitalize: *Death Row*.
- [Orange County Supervisor] *Harriet* Wieder (Metro). *Harriett*.
- [Assemblyman Dan] *Houser* (Metro). *Hauser*.
- Indo-Chinese* (San Diego). One word: *Indochinese*.
- Joseph Stalin (Metro). *Josef*.
- Kaiser-Permanente* (Valley). No hyphen: *Kaiser Permanente*.
- Kellog* [building at Caltech] (San Gabriel). *Kellogg*.
- Kidder Peabody* (San Diego Business). Note comma: *Kidder, Peabody*.
- La Canada-Flintridge* (San Gabriel). No hyphen: *La Canada Flintridge*.
- [artist] Georgia *O'Keefe* (Orange County Life). *O'Keeffe*.
- Oregon* (Orange County). *Oregon*.
- [artist] *Pissaro* (Orange County). *Pissarro*.
- Sierra Kings* Hospital (Metro). Hyphenate: *Sierra-Kings*.

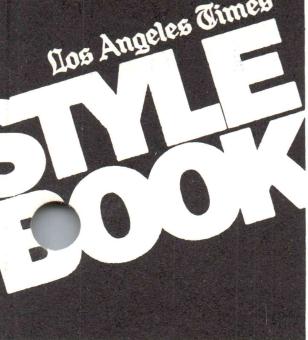
- acquaintences* (Valley View). *acquaintances*.
- back-country* trails (Valley). One word: *backcountry*.
- brand new* (Metro). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
- attempted *burglarly* (Orange County). *burglary*.
- car pooling* (Southeast). Hyphenate: *car-pooling*.
- quail and *chukkar* (Metro). *chukar*.
- closed-mouthed* (Metro). One word: *closemouthed*.
- combating* (San Gabriel). *combatting*.
- day-long* (Southeast). *daylong*.
- flower-pot* (Orange County Life). One word: *flowerpot*.
- forgettable* (San Diego). *forgettable*.
- head-first* (Metro). One word: *headfirst*.
- land-locked* (Metro). *landlocked*.
- light-headed* (South Bay). *lightheaded*.
- packing house* (Metro). *packinghouse*.
- pig pen* (San Diego). *pigpen*.
- pot bellies* (San Diego). *potbellies*.
- refered* (Metro). *referred*.
- region-wide* (San Gabriel). One word: *regionwide*.
- smokey* (San Gabriel). *smoky*.
- Spandex* (San Diego Calendar). Not a trade name: *spandex*.
- tip-toe* (San Diego). One word: *tiptoe*.
- transferred* (Metro). *transferred*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- clavercin* (Orange County Calendar). This French word for harpsichord is *clavecin*.
- scorned that* her lover had . . . (San Diego). A person can't be *scorned that*. . . . *Angry* would probably do it.

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Style & Usage Report

June 12, 1989

This report covers the period from May 31 through June 6.

FACTS:

- Assistant [San Bernardino] City Atty. *Diane Brue* (Metro). *Denise*.
- Office of *Historical Preservation* (San Diego). *Historic*.
- State *Historic Resources Commission* (San Diego). *Historical*.
- Superior Court Judge *Thomas Waddington* (Metro). *Lawrence*.
- state Department of *Health* (Metro). *Health Services*.
- Assemblyman Richard Katz (D-Panorama City) (Metro). *Sylmar*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

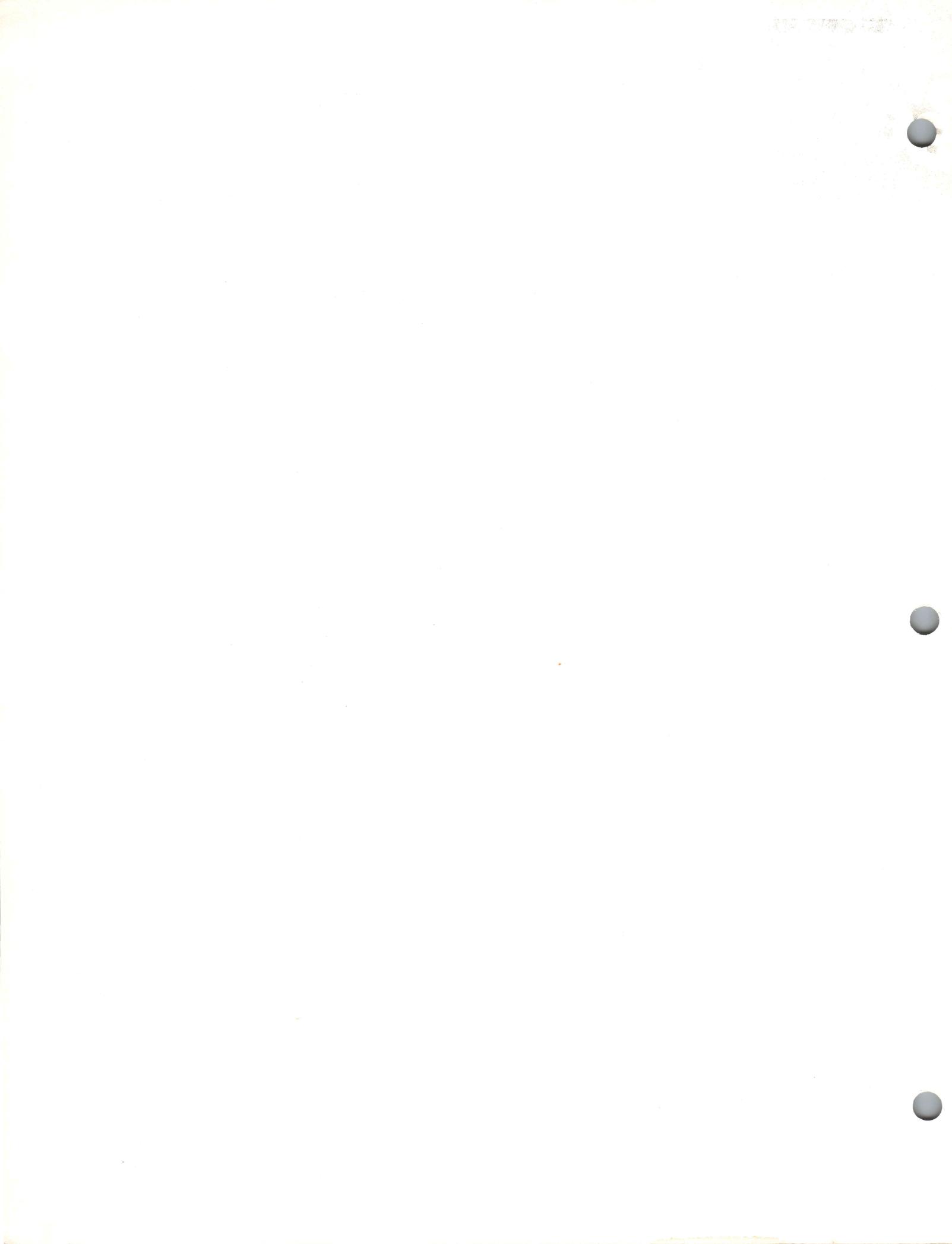
- Merchant Marine* (Orange County Calendar). Lowercase: *merchant marine*.
- one of the reasons . . . *is because* (San Diego). *is that*.
- forbidding him *from selling* (Orange County). *to sell*.
- 7th U.S. Circuit Court (Metro). *U.S. 7th*.

SPELLING:

- the 11th *Calvary* (Orange County). *Cavalry*.
- county board of supervisors* (San Diego). Capitalize: *County Board of Supervisors*.
- Edger Lee Masters* (Valley Calendar). *Edgar*.
- [actor] *Elliot Gould* (Metro). *Elliott*.
- Frammingham* State University [Mass.] (San Diego). *Framingham*.
- Fremont Park* (Glendale). *Fremont*.
- Paramount Councilman Manuel *Gullen* (Southeast). *Guillen*.
- [actor] John *Houston* (Metro). *Huston*.
- Mitsui Manufacturer's Bank* (Metro). No apostrophe: *Manufacturers*.
- [attorney] *Marshal Schulman* (Orange County). *Marshall*.
- Dr. Hugh *McIntrye* (Metro). *McIntyre*.
- “*Minemata*” (Metro). “*Minamata*”.
- Pitney-Bowes* (Metro). No hyphen: *Pitney Bowes*.
- sheriff's department* (San Diego). Capitalize: *Sheriff's Department*.
- state Board of Control (Metro). *State*.

- birth rate* (San Diego Business). One word: *birthrate*.
- botique* (Metro). *boutique*.
- cab driver* (Metro). One word: *cabdriver*.
- camp fire* (Valley). *campfire*.
- electro-physiology* (Southeast). *electrophysiology*.
- free-thinking* (Metro). *freethinking*.
- half-sister* (Metro). No hyphen: *half sister*.
- half staff* (San Diego). Hyphenate: *half-staff*.
- ice cold* (Orange County). *ice-cold*.
- knee cap* (Valley). One word: *kneecap*.
- long-haired* (Metro). *longhaired*.
- machine gunner* (San Diego). Hyphenate: *machine-gunner*.
- matter of factly* (Orange County Life). *matter-of-factly*.
- occured* (Metro). *occurred*.
- pound cake* (Glendale). One word: *poundcake*.
- semi-automatic* (San Diego). *semiautomatic*.
- sizeable* (Orange County). *sizable*.
- sumbitting* (Metro). *submitting*.
- transferred* (Metro). *transferred*.
- wire-tapped* (Metro). One word: *wiretapped*.

FRED HOLLEY



Style & Usage Report

June 16, 1989

With one exception, this report covers the period from June 7 through June 11.

FACTS:

- John Geoghegan, secretary of *the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency* (Metro). He's secretary, not of the agency but of *business, transportation and housing*.
- Rep. George Brown (D-San Bernardino) (San Gabriel, June 8). *Colton*.
- Bastille Day . . . July 16th (San Diego View). It's the *14th*.
- State Department of Education (South Bay). Lowercase: *state*.
- State Fair Political Practices Commission (Metro). *state*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- center around* (Metro). Either *center on* or *revolve around*.
- is comprised of* (Valley Calendar). *composed*.
- he continues to be lavished with attention* (San Diego). *to have attention lavished upon him*.
- more importantly*, he said . . . (Orange County). *more important*.
- an old boy's network* (Ventura). *boys'*.
- a perspicacious beginning* (Metro). *auspicious* or *propitious*.
- the voters mandate* (Metro). Apostrophe: *voters'*.

SPELLING:

- absorbant* (San Diego). *absorbent*.
- admirality* law (Metro). *admiralty*.
- ante-rooms* (San Diego View). One word: *anterooms*.
- back-breaking* labor (Metro). *backbreaking*.
- council woman* (San Diego Calendar). *councilwoman*.
- desk tops* (San Diego Calendar). *desktops*.
- florescent* (Southeast). *fluorescent*.
- fuschia* (Ventura). *fuchsia*.
- give and take* (Orange County Calendar). Hyphenate: *give-and-take*.
- half-brother* (San Diego Calendar). No hyphen: *half brother*.
- honey bee* (Westside). One word: *honeybee*.
- offered* (San Diego View). *offered*.
- pound cake* (San Diego). One word: *poundcake*.
- short lived* (Metro). Hyphenate: *short-lived*.
- short-sighted* (Westside). One word: *shortsighted*.
- stop-gap* measure (Metro). *stopgap*.
- wind surfer* (Orange County). *windsurfer*.
- wise-cracking* (San Diego Calendar). *wisecracking*.
- year-long* (Westside). *yearlong*.

- Beijing* (Orange County). *Beijing*.
- Deloitte, Haskins & Sells* (Orange County). No comma: *Deloitte Haskins*.
- [poet] *Edger* Lee Masters (Valley Calendar). Three times in three weeks: *Edgar*.
- [Councilman] Wallace *Edgertown* (Long Beach). *Edgerton*.
- San *Juaquin* Hills (Orange County). *Joaquin*.
- [attorney] *Elliott* Kanter (San Diego). *Elliott*.
- Guillain-Barre* [syndrome] (Metro). *Guillain*.
- Gavin *Macleod* (Metro). *MacLeod*.
- Roddy *McDowell* (Metro). *McDowall*.
- [composer] Ned *Norem* (Orange County Calendar). *Rorem*.
- Eastern seaboard* (San Diego Calendar). Capitalize: *Seaboard*.
- [painter] *George* Seurat (Orange County Calendar). *Georges*.
- Touche, Ross & Co.* (San Gabriel). No comma: *Touche Ross*.

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Style & Usage Report

June 29, 1989

With one exception, this report covers the period from June 12 through June 15.

FACTS:

- former U.S. *Atty.* Elliot Richardson (San Diego Business). *Atty. Gen.*
- former *Cabinet secretary* Joseph Califano (Metro). Califano was *secretary of defense* and a *Cabinet member*.
- Federal Home Loan Board* (Orange County Business). It's the *Federal Home Loan Bank Board*.
- [Municipal Judge] Marion O. Obera (Valley). The initial is *L*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- graffiti *announces* (Metro). *announce*.
- sounding *like* she was . . . (Metro). *as if*.
- assisted [him] *to study* (Metro). Either *helped* [him] *to study* or *assisted* [him] *in studying*.
- 1,000 BC (Valley). No comma: *1000*.
- a *hiatus from* playing (South Bay). *in*.
- it's* current offering (Orange County Calendar). No apostrophe: *its*.
- made him *nauseous* (Metro). *nauseated*.
- neither [Smith] nor [Jones] *think . . .* (Metro). *thinks*.
- moved . . . *closer* or *farther* from the cab (Metro). It has to be *closer to*.
- forbids the [council] *from granting* (Valley). *to grant*.
- one of the most *unique* cases (Metro). *unusual*.
- the *9th* U.S. Circuit Court (Orange County). *U.S. 9th*.

SPELLING:

- attendence* (Valley). *attendance*.
- brand new* (Metro). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
- car wash* (Long Beach). One word: *carwash*.
- cold-blooded* (Metro). *coldblooded*.
- cross-breeding* (San Diego). *crossbreeding*.
- eighth grader* (Metro). Hyphenate: *eighth-grader*.
- equalled* (Orange County Calendar). *equaled*.
- first-hand* knowledge (Metro). One word: *firsthand*.
- watching *first hand* (Valley). *firsthand*.
- flash cube* (San Diego). *flashcube*.
- a waiver *foregoing* an exam (Valley). *forgoing*.
- honey bee* (San Diego). *honeybee*.
- long-standing* (Valley, Metro). The adjective is one word: *longstanding*.
- long-time* (Metro). *longtime*.
- nose-bleed* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *nosebleed*.
- pencilled* (Orange County Calendar). *penciled*.
- pock-marked* (Metro). One word: *pockmarked*.
- preceding* years (Metro). *preceding*.
- reknowned* (Metro). *renowned*.

- Bear Stearns & Co.* (Orange County Business). Note comma: *Bear, Stearns*.
- BBK Corp.* (Valley). *BKK*.
- Gazzarri's* (Orange County Calendar). *Gazzari's*.
- [developer] *Alexander Haagan* (Long Beach). *Haagen*.
- Lear-Siegler* (Orange County). No hyphen: *Lear Siegler*.
- Leonard da Vinci* (Metro). *Leonardo*.
- [AQMD member] *Sabrinia Schiller* (Metro). *Sabrina*.
- Schenectady*, N.Y. (Metro). *Schenectady*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- deux ex machinas* (San Diego Calendar). What the writer wanted was a plural form of the Latin *deus ex machina* (literally "god from the machine"). But *deux* is a French word meaning two. What is wanted here is *dei ex machina* ("gods from the machine").

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Style & Usage Report

July 5, 1989

This report covers the period from June 21 through June 27.

FACTS:

- Louisville *Courier Journal* (Metro). Hyphenate: *Courier-Journal*.
- “Hello Dolly!” (San Diego Calendar). Note comma: “Hello, Dolly!”

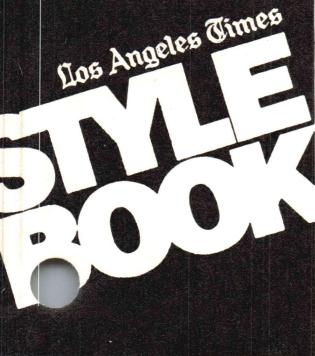
GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- his comments *has peaked* the interest (Valley View). *have piqued*.
- no graffiti *has* been sprayed (Metro). *have*.
- each of the ex-players . . . *are* (Metro). *is*.
- its* too scary (South Bay). *it's*
- the *nouveau riche* (Valley View). *nouveaux riches*.
- died *from* body trauma (Southeast). *of*.
- died *from* head injuries (Metro). *of*.
- convinced* her mother to let (Ventura County). *persuaded*.
- convinced* [him] to go (San Diego). *persuaded*.
- forbid* someone else from running (Metro). *prevent* or *prohibit*.
- none of the suspects' identities *was* . . . (Metro). *were*.
- whom* police said also goes (Orange County). *who*.
- worker's* compensation (South Bay). *workers' compensation*.

SPELLING:

- accidentally* (Metro). *accidentally*.
- al fresco* (San Diego View, San Diego Calendar). One word: *alfresco*.
- [a baby's] *basinet* (Orange County Calendar). *bassinet*.
- belly flop* (Orange County Calendar). Hyphenate: *belly-flop*.
- counter-offered* (Metro). *counteroffered*.
- down hill* (Metro). *downhill*.
- drop-out rate* (San Gabriel). *dropout*.
- eye witness* (Southeast). *eyewitness*.
- flood lights* (San Gabriel Sports) *floodlights*.
- by foregoing* opportunities (Metro). *forgoing*.
- hand-made* (Orange County Calendar). One word: *handmade*.
- high speed* chase (Orange County). Hyphenate: *high-speed*.
- hitch-hiking* (San Gabriel). One word: *hitchhiking*
- home-like* (Orange County). *homelike*.
- kilowatt hour* (Metro). Hyphenate: *kilowatt-hour*.
- Listeria monocytogenese* (Metro). *monocytogenes*.
- occured* (Orange County). *occurred*.
- scrap books* (San Diego). One word: *scrapbooks*.
- sea walls* (Westside). *seawalls*.
- skate boarders* (Metro). *skateboarders*.
- smack dab* (Metro). Hyphenate: *smack-dab*.
- small town* sensibilities (Valley). *small-town*.
- superconductor* (Metro). *superconductor*.
- teenagers* (Valley Business). Hyphenate: *teen-agers*.
- construction . . . underway* (Metro). Two words: *under way*.
- vice grips* (Metro). *vise*.
- old *wive's tale* (Orange County Business). *wives'*.
- Councilwoman Jo Ann Darcy (Valley). *Anne*.
- San Francisco Bay *area* (San Diego). Capitalize: *Area*.
- E. I. Du Pont de Nemours (Orange County Business). Lowercase: *du*.
- Goldman Sachs & Co.* (Valley Business). Note comma: *Goldman, Sachs*.
- Hubbell* [the astronomer] (South Bay). *Hubble*.
- [publisher] *Jeanette Khan* (Orange County Life). *Jenette Kahn*.
- [the principality of] *Lichtenstein* (Metro). *Liechtenstein*.
- U.S. District Judge *Marianna R. Pfaelzer* (Metro). *Mariana*.
- Marquis* of Queensberry (Orange County Life). *Marquess*.
- El Modina High School (Orange County Life). *Modena*.
- Phillips* Petroleum Co. (Metro). *Phillips*.
- Moscow's *Sheremetyvo* Airport (Metro). *Sheremetyevo*.
- [State Sen.] *Waddie Deddeh* (San Diego). *Wadie P.*
- [composer] Andrew Lloyd *Weber* (Orange County Calendar). *Webber*.

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Style & Usage Report

July 18, 1989

This report covers the period from June 28 through July 6.

FACTS:

- Assemblyman William J. Filante (R-San Rafael) (Metro). *Greenbrae*.
- [Councilman] Paul R. Richards (Long Beach). *H.*
- the old game of *hares* and hounds (San Diego). *hare*.
- [state Sen.] Daniel Montoya (San Diego). *Joseph B.*
- Peat, Marwick, Main & Co.* (Orange County Calendar). Its new name: *KPMG Peat Marwick Main & Co.*

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- San Francisco Bay *area* (San Diego). Capitalize: *Area*.
- operates *like* diners did (Orange County). *as*.
- pneumocystis carinii* (Metro). Capitalize: *Pneumocystis*.
- tableaux vivant* (Orange County Calendar). *tableaux vivants* or *tableau vivant*.
- Rev.* Charles D. Ara (Metro). *the Rev.*
- none of the structures *was* . . . (Metro). *were*.

SPELLING:

- bed pans* (Orange County). One word: *bedpans*.
- cohabitating* (Metro). *cohabiting*.
- cell block* (Metro). One word: *cellblock*.
- fire retardant* material (Metro, Orange County). Hyphenate: *fire-retardant*.
- god-like* (Metro). One word: *godlike*.
- half-hearted* (Valley). *halfhearted*.
- ice cap* (Metro). *icecap*.
- kick-off* (Glendale Sports). *kickoff*.
- millenia* (Metro). *millenia*.
- top-knot* (Orange County Life). One word: *topknot*.
- week-long* (Orange County Life). *weeklong*.
- work week* (Metro). *workweek*.

- “*Aquamirabilis*” [a dance] (Orange County Calendar). “*Aquamirabilis*.”
- Coca Cola* (Metro). Hyphenate: *Coca-Cola*.
- Marlene *Deitrich* (Orange County Life). *Dietrich*.
- John *Geogahagen* [state official] (Metro). *Geoghegan*.
- girl scouts* (Orange County Life). Capitalize: *Girl Scouts*.
- Orel *Hersheiser* (Metro). *Hershiser*.
- Belgian *malinois* [dogs] (Metro). Capitalize: *Malinois*.
- Mavourneen O’Connor (San Diego). *Mavourneen*.
- San Jacinto *mountains* (Orange County Life). Capitalize: *Mountains*.
- [Prince] *Ranier* (Orange County Life). *Rainier*.
- Rand* Corp. (Orange County Life). All capitals: *RAND*.
- Sears Roebuck* (Orange County Business). Note comma: *Sears, Roebuck*.

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Style & Usage Report

July 27, 1989

This report covers the period from July 16 through July 21.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- they *bid* each other goodby (Orange County Life). *bade*.
- about 14,000 B.C. (Metro). *14000 BC*.
- was *bit* on the foot (Metro). *bitten*.
- the Roman Catholic *church* (San Diego Calendar). Capitalize: *Church*.
- a *couple packages* (San Diego). *couple of packages*.
- he *lit* the truck on fire (Metro). *set*.
- *state* Board of Education (Metro). Capitalize: *State*.
- *state* Lands Commission (San Diego). Twice in two days: *State*.
- Assemblyman Richard Katz (D-Sepulveda) (Metro). *Sylmar*.
- Rodin's *thinker* (Valley). “*Thinker*.”
- devote . . . profits . . . for education (Metro). *to*.
- forbidding [them] from *inviting* (San Gabriel). *to invite*.

FACTS:

- *Bullock's* Wilshire (Orange County, San Diego). No apostrophe: *Bullocks*.
- [Energy Secretary Watkins], the Cabinet *secretary* (Metro). *member*.
- charged with 234 counts of . . . (San Diego). *on*.
- *Stoorza, Ziegaus Metzger* (San Diego). Ampersand: *Stoorza, Ziegaus & Metzger*.

SPELLING:

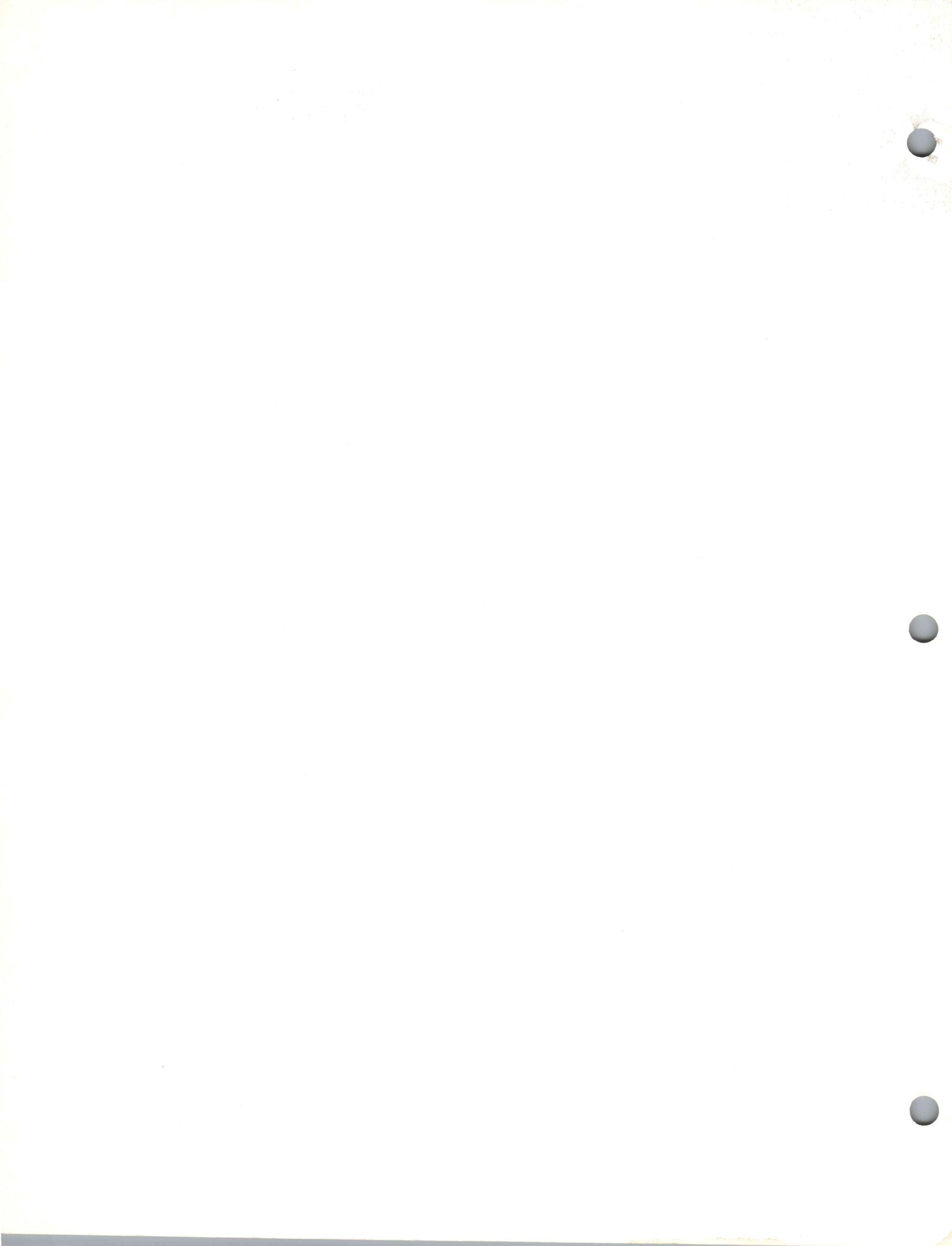
- *Ghiradelli* Square (Metro). *Ghirardelli*.
- [jazz musician] Jimmy *Guiffre* (Metro). *Giuffre*.
- [attorney] *Jerold* Newton (Southeast). *Jerald*.
- *Proctor & Gamble* (Metro). *Procter*.
- [architect] *Steward* Woodard (Orange County Calendar). *Stewart*.
- *Togalog* [the Philippine language] (Metro). *Tagalog*.

- *audio tapes* (Orange County). One word: *audiotapes*.
- a black *canvass* belt (Metro). *canvas*.
- will have to make *due* (Orange County Life). *do*.
- don't *double deal* (Metro). Hyphenate: *double-deal*.
- Norwalk *Forgos* Ballot (Southeast). *Forgoes*.
- *great granddaughter* (Orange County Life). Hyphenate: *great-granddaughter*.
- *hand-written* (Glendale). One word: *handwritten*.
- *industry-wide* (Metro). *industrywide*.
- *lap-top* computers (Metro). *laptop*.
- *light-hearted* (San Diego View). *lighthearted*.
- *lily white* (Metro). Hyphenate: *lily-white*.
- *long-time* friend (Metro). One word: *longtime*.
- to break *lose* (Metro). *loose*.
- *mail box* (Metro). One word: *mailbox*.
- *mispeak* (Metro). *misspeak*.
- *over-indulged* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *overindulged*.
- *semi-annual* (Valley Calendar). *semianual*.
- *semi-finalists* (San Diego). *semifinalists*.
- *spot check* (Metro). Hyphenate: *spot-check*.
- *zig-zagging* (San Diego). One word: *zigzagging*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- cannot *retroactively revoke* . . . (Orange County). A redundancy: All revocations are retroactive.

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Style & Usage Report

August 3, 1989

This report covers the period from July 23 through July 27.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- KPMB* Peat Marwick (San Diego). *KPMG*.
- the county Department of *Health* (Metro). *Health Services*.
- Assemblywoman Delaine Eastin (D-*Fremont*) (Metro). *Union City*.

FACTS:

- graffiti *is* sprayed (South Bay). *are*.
- a deadly *bacteria* (Ventura County). *bacterium*.
- CAL-OSHA* (Metro). *Cal-OSHA*.
- Rep. George Brown (D-*Riverside*) (Orange County). *Colton*.
- Deloitte, Haskins and Sells* (Metro). Ampersand, no comma: *Deloitte Haskins & Sells*.
- San Diego *Gas and Electric* (Westside). Ampersand: *Gas & Electric*.
- none of the eight *has* been . . . (Metro). *have*.
- those words . . . *sunk* in (Orange County Life). *sank*.

SPELLING:

- art deco* (Metro). Capitalize: *Art Deco*.
- [actor] Gavin *Macleod* (Metro). *MacLeod*.
- [actor] Roddy *McDowell* (Metro). *McDowall*.
- Saudia* Arabian (San Diego Calendar). *Saudi*.
- [swimmer] Johnny *Weismuller* (Metro). *Weissmuller*.

- anti-Semitism* (Valley View). One word: *antisemitism*.
- bar-hopping* (Westside). One word: *barhopping*.
- bed sheets* (Orange County). *bedsheets*.
- bus boy* (Orange County). *busboy*.
- concessionnaire* (Metro). *concessionnaire*.
- fiber optic* (Metro). Hyphenate: *fiber-optic*.
- foul-mouthed* (Metro). One word: *foulmouthed*.
- free-wheeling* (San Gabriel). *freewheeling*.
- gall bladder* (Metro). *gallbladder*.
- home-made* (Orange County). *homemade*.
- horse flesh* (San Diego View). *horseflesh*.
- low riders* (Valley). *lowriders*.
- pain-killers* (Metro). *painkillers*.
- tip-top* (Orange County Calendar). *tiptop*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- regress back* (Metro). A redundancy; you can't regress forward. Make it just *regress*.
- he died at age 81 . . . was born *in the Soviet Union* (Metro). If he was 81, he was born in 1908, nine years before the formation of the Soviet Union. Make it *in Russia* or *in what is now the Soviet Union*.

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Style & Usage Report

August 9, 1989

This report covers the period from July 28 through Aug. 4.

FACTS:

- Medicare Catastrophic Act* (Ventura County). It's the *Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act*.
- [California] 4th Circuit Court of Appeal (Orange County). *District*.
- Atty. Gen. *John K. de Kamp* (Metro). *John K. Van de Kamp*.
- [Assemblyman] Richard Katz (D-*Sepulveda*) (Metro, Orange County Life, Valley). *Sylmar*.
- [Assemblyman] Charles Calderon (D-*Montebello*) (Metro). *Whittier*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- the *National Anthem* (San Diego). Lower-case: *national anthem*.
- none of the alternatives *is . . .* (Long Beach). *are*.
- its* a good way to . . . (Metro). Apostrophe: *it's*.
- hopefully*, things will . . . (San Diego Calendar). *it is hoped that . . .*
- Kidder Peabody* (Valley Business, Orange County Business). Comma: *Kidder, Peabody*.
- Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker* (Orange County). *Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker*.
- the '60s still sets the standard (Orange County Life). *set*.
- state* Board of Equalization (San Diego). Capitalize: *State*.
- to *ward* me off the baked [clams] (Orange County Calendar). *warn*.

SPELLING:

- Caesarean* section (South Bay). *Cesarean*.
- [novelist] Suzanne *Forester* (Orange County Calendar). *Forster*.
- a *Gaugin* painting (Valley View). *Gauguin*.
- Muslem* (Orange County). *Muslim*.
- Lucille *Royal Allard* (Southeast). Hyphenate: *Royal-Allard*.
- the *Truesdale* section of Beverly Hills (Metro). *Trousdale*.

- half *and* hour (Valley). *an*.
- the *back-stage* scene (San Diego View). One word: *backstage*.
- bare-footed* (San Diego Calendar). *barefooted*.
- chaffing* over . . . a pesky toll (San Diego). *chafing*.
- cooly* (San Diego). *coolly*.
- cost effective* (Metro). Hyphenate: *cost-effective*.
- cul de sac* (Orange County Life). Hyphenate: *cul-de-sac*.
- [a restaurant's] *deserts* (Valley Calendar). *desserts*.
- had a *falling out* (Valley Business). Hyphenate the noun: *falling-out*.
- first-hand* knowledge (Metro). One word: *firsthand*.
- half-brother* (Orange County). Two words: *half brother*.
- hard hearted* (Metro). One word: *hardhearted*.
- hare-brained* (Metro). *harebrained*.
- kilowatt hours* (Valley). Hyphenate: *kilowatt-hours*,
- a *long-standing* dispute (Metro). One word: *longstanding*.
- make-shift* (San Diego). *makeshift*.
- movie-goers* (Orange County Life). *moviegoers*.
- our piece of mind [is] jeopardized (Orange County). *peace*.
- predominately* (Valley). *predominantly*.
- rundown* buildings (Metro). Hyphenate the adjective: *run-down*.
- shanty* towns (San Diego). One word: *shantytowns*.
- could easily *slam dunk* (Southeast). Hyphenate the verb: *slam-dunk*.
- video cassette* (Metro). One word: *videocassette*.
- west-bound* (San Diego). *westbound*.
- work day* (South Bay). *workday*.

FOR THE RECORD:

- Cal-OSHA*. I recently indicated that this abbreviation is hyphenated. Not so. Make it *Cal/OSHA*.
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Style & Usage Report

August 16, 1989

This report covers the period from Aug. 4 through Aug. 9.

FACTS:

- Hastings School of Law (Metro). *College*.
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (Metro, Orange County). *Educational*.
- Tien An Mien Square (Orange County). *Men*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- neither Congress nor the Administration *have . . .* (Metro). *has*.
- it's* 11 p.m. broadcast (San Diego Calendar). No apostrophe: *its*.
- convincing* TB sufferers to . . . (San Diego). *persuading*.
- snuck* (Orange County Calendar, San Diego). *sneaked*.

SPELLING:

- Sigma Alpha Epsilon (Orange County). *Alpha*.
- [attorney] Vibiana Andrede (Metro). *Andrade*.
- Browning Ferris* Industries (San Gabriel). Hyphenate: *Browning-Ferris*.
- Dominguez* Hills (Orange County Life). *Dominguez*.
- [Chula Vista Councilman] David Malcom (San Diego). *Malcolm*.
- Rolls Royces* (Metro). Hyphenate: *Rolls-Royces*.
- Sigmund* Freud (Valley Calendar). *Sigmund*.

- alter boy* (San Diego View). *altar*.
- attendence* (San Gabriel Sports). *attendance*.
- [truck] *axels* (Metro). *axles*.
- boarding house* (Valley). One word: *boardinghouse*.
- bow-legged* (San Diego). *bowlegged*.
- apricot* Brie en *crout* (Orange County Life). *croute*.
- exorts* (Orange County Calendar). *exhorts*.
- fire retardant* chemicals (Metro). Hyphenate: *fire-retardant*.
- Venus fly-trap* (Orange County Calendar). One word: *flytrap*.
- glass-fulls* (San Gabriel). *glassfuls*.
- hand-written* (Metro). *handwritten*.
- mid-day* (San Diego Calendar). *midday*.
- night-time* (Orange County). *nighttime*.
- packing house* (San Diego). *packinghouse*.
- a climb on . . . telephone *polls* (Orange County). *poles*.
- the San Diego *premier* (San Diego Calendar). *premiere*.
- rubber-necking* (San Gabriel). One word: *rubbernecking*.
- standard bearer* (San Diego). Hyphenate: *standard-bearer*.
- work day* (Orange County). One word: *workday*.
- year-long* (Orange County). *yearlong*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- the *fulsome* twins (Metro). *Fulsome* means disgusting or offensive, which is certainly not what what was intended here.
- the *untrammeled* desert (Metro). *Untrammeled* means unconfined, unrestrained or unshackled, none of which seem appropriate here.

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Style & Usage Report

August 22, 1989

This report covers the period from Aug. 10 through Aug. 16.

SPELLING:

- Edgar *Allen* Poe (Orange County Calendar). *Allan*.
- Basset* [unincorporated area] (San Gabriel). *Bassett*.
- Lomita Mayor [Charles] *Belva* (South Bay). *Belba*.
- Bonanno* [crime family] (Metro). *Bonanno*.
- Donaldson *Lufkin* & Jenrette (San Diego Business). Note comma: *Donaldson, Lufkin*.
- [Deputy Atty.Gen.] Derald *Granberg* (Metro). *Granberg*.
- [the city of] *McFarland* (Metro). *McFarland*.
- the *Persied* meteor shower (Ventura County). *Perseid*.
- Neiman-Marcus* (Westside). No hyphen: *Neiman Marcus*.
- [bandleader] Alvino *Ray* (Metro). *Rey*.
- Readers'* Digest (Glendale). *Reader's*
- Ryder* College [N.J.] (San Diego Calendar). *Rider*.
- Shosone* [Indian tribe] (Metro). *Shoshone*.
- [Ventura Councilman] *Villaneuve* (Ventura County). *Villeneuve*.

- bed sheets* (San Diego). One word: *bedsheets*.
- he *bares* no malice (Metro). *bears*.
- brain dead* (Metro). Hyphenate: *brain-dead*.
- cab driver* (Metro). One word: *cabdriver*.
- candle power* (San Diego View). *candlepower*.
- clear-headed* (Valley View). *clearheaded*.
- cross-breeding* (San Diego). *crossbreeding*.
- dousing* [using a divining rod to search for water] (Valley View). *dowsing*.
- drug store* (Metro). One word: *drugstore*.
- ear-splitting* (San Diego Calendar, Aug). *earsplitting*.
- fire houses* (Metro). *firehouses*.
- their share of *jibes* (Orange County). *gibes*.
- half way* (Valley View). One word: *halfway*.
- hard working* (Metro). Hyphenate: *hard-working*.
- head-first* (San Diego). One word: *headfirst*.
- honey bees* (San Diego). *honeybees*.
- knee deep* (Metro). Hyphenate: *knee-deep*.
- level headed* (Long Beach Sports). One word: *levelheaded*.
- port-hole* (Westside). *porthole*.
- psycho-sexual* (San Diego Calendar). *psychosexual*.
- saw mill* (Metro). *sawmill*.
- a *single's* bar (Metro). No apostrophe: *singles*.
- solicitous* (Orange County Calendar). *solicitous*.
- space flight* (Metro). One word: *spaceflight*.
- tail light* (South Bay). *taillight*.
- thumb print* (South Bay). *thumbprint*.
- video cassette* (Valley View). *videocassette*.
- yard work* (Long Beach Sports). *yardwork*.

FACTS:

- [U.S.] Drug Enforcement *Agency* (Metro). *Administration*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- joint chiefs of staff* (Metro). Capitalize: *Joint Chiefs of Staff*.

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Style & Usage Report

August 29, 1989

This report covers the period from Aug. 17 through Aug. 23.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- left the house . . . *in shambles* (Valley). *a shambles*.
- the British *consulate* (Orange County Calendar). Capitalize: *Consulate*.
- fractured* bones (Metro). *broken*.
- Goldman Sachs* & Co. (Orange County Business). Note comma: *Goldman, Sachs*.
- none of his . . . *stories has been* (San Diego). *have*.
- Lucky's* grocery (Orange County). *Lucky*.
- died *from* a heroin overdose (Metro). *of*.
- convincing* [them] to purchase (Glendale Sports). *persuading*.
- the men, *who* police refused to identify (Valley). *whom*.

SPELLING:

- Builder's* Emporium (Orange County), No apostrophe: *Builders*.
- Elsemere* Canyon (Metro). *Elsmere*.
- Farmer's and Merchant's* Bank (Metro). *Farmers & Merchants*.
- Medallin*, Colombia (Glendale). *Medellin*.
- Machu Pichu* [Inca ruins] (Glendale). *Picchu*.
- [Encinitas City Manager] Warren Schafer (San Diego). *Shafer*.
- Mother *Theresa* (San Diego). *Teresa*.

- accidently* (Valley). *accidentally*.
- air space* (Orange County). One word: *airspace*
- breast feeding* (Metro). Hyphenate: *breast-feeding*.
- dock worker* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *dockworker*.
- fish hook* (Metro). *fishhook*.
- gap-toothed* (Metro). *gaptoothed*.
- good faith* efforts (San Diego). Hyphenate: *good-faith*.
- hand-written* (Metro). One word: *handwritten*.
- home town* (Metro). *hometown*.
- jam-packed* (Metro). *jampacked*.
- kind-hearted* (Metro). *kindhearted*.
- month-long* (Ventura County). *monthlong*.
- psycho-motor* (Metro). *psychomotor*.
- its coat *sheered* off (Metro). *sheared*.
- stop lights* (Orange County Life). One word: *stoplights*.

FACTS:

- [U.S.] Drug Enforcement Agency (Metro). *Administration*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Tien An Man* Square (Metro). *Tian An Men*. Note that the first word has an "a" and the third word an "e." This writer has erred on the first word in the past. *Mea culpa*.

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Style & Usage Report

September 14, 1989

This report covers the period from Sept. 3 through Sept. 7.

FACTS:

- Drug Enforcement Agency (Metro). *Administration*.
- [the play] "Ah! Wilderness" (San Diego Calendar). "Ah, *Wilderness*!"
- National Transportation and Safety Board (San Diego). No *and* in this name.
- Southland Farmer's Market Assn. (Long Beach). No apostrophe: *Farmers*.
- Sen. Bill Lockyer (D-San Leandro) (Metro). *Hayward*.
- state Board of Education (South Bay). Capitalize: *State*.
- state Board of Equalization (Metro). *State*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- Empire State *building* (Metro). Capitalize: *Building*.
- measured 5-feet-two (Metro). *5-feet-2*
- [to spread] the *gospel* (Metro). Capitalize: *Gospel*.
- Elizabeth H. Dole (Orange County). *Hanford*.
- its* a tough decision (Orange County). Apostrophe: *it's*.

SPELLING:

- Brentanos* (Valley View). Apostrophe: *Brentano's*.
- [French novelist] *Collette* (Metro). *Colette*.
- Diane Feinstein* (Metro). *Dianne*.
- [U.S. Rep.] Richard A. *Gebhardt* (Metro). *Gephardt*.
- [professor] Carl V. *Mendelson* (Metro). *Mendelson*.
- the *Ratovich* Co. (Metro). *Ratkovich*.
- Rensselaer* Polytechnic Institute (Metro). *Rensselaer*.
- Thelonius* Monk (San Diego Calendar). *Thelonious*.
- [singer] *Yevette*Yvette.

- benefitted* (Metro). *benefited*.
- brief cases* (Metro). One word: *briefcases*.
- double breasted* suits (San Diego View). Hyphenate: *double-breasted*.
- a *good-by* kiss (San Gabriel). One word: *goodby*.
- head-first* (Orange County). *headfirst*.
- not seriously *injured* (Orange County). *injured*.
- laid back* (Metro). Hyphenate: *laid-back*.
- a *long-time* proponent (Metro). One word: *longtime*.
- loosly* (Orange County). *loosely*.
- pitch darkness* (Westside). Hyphenate: *pitch-darkness*.
- plasma pheresis* (San Diego). One word: *plasmapheresis*.
- policy makers* (Metro). Hyphenate: *policy-makers*.
- prefered* (Metro). *preferred*.
- prize fights* (Orange County Life). One word: *prizefights*.
- protestors* (Metro). *protesters*.
- salt boxes* (San Diego View). One word: *saltboxes*
- sheet-like* (South Bay). *sheetlike*.
- stick ball* (Metro). One word: *stickball*.
- sub-station* (San Diego). *substation*.
- teenage girls* (San Diego). Hyphenate: *teen-age*.
- user friendly* (Orange County Life). Hyphenate: *user-friendly*.
- weather-worn* (Valley). One word: *weatherworn*.

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Style & Usage Report

September 20, 1989

This report covers the period from Sept. 8 through Sept. 14.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- county* Board of Supervisors (Orange County). Capitalize: *County*.
- Farmer's* Market (Orange County Life). No apostrophe: *Farmers*.
- the *homogenous* suburbs (Metro). *homogeneous*.
- broke the *Nazi's* [code] (San Diego Calendar). *Nazis'*.
- graffiti *proliferates* (Metro). *proliferate*.
- upstate* New York (Orange County Calendar). Capitalize: *Upstate*.
- neither Bradley nor Ferraro *were* (Valley). *was*.
- a couple *was* shot (Metro). *were*.

FACTS:

- U.S. 9th Circuit Court of *Appeal* (Metro). *Appeals*.
- dibrom* (insecticide) (Valley). It's a brand name. Capitalize: *Dibrom*.
- Scripps *Institute* (Metro). *Institution*.
- Petite Amis* [mental-care facility] (Orange County). *Petits*.
- state Water Resources Control Board (Metro). Capitalize: *State*.

SPELLING:

- Amtrack* (Orange County). *Amtrak*.
- Bel Air* (Orange County Life). Hyphenate: *Bel-Air*
- Indianapolis* (Orange County Business). *Indianapolis*.
- Proctor & Gamble* (Orange County Business). *Procter*.
- Reynold* Ave. [Santa Ana] (Orange County Life). *Reynolds*.
- Sunbelt* (Metro). Two words: *Sun Belt*.
- [health official] *Theresa* Hawkes (Metro). *Teresa*.
- Uttica*, Miss. (Metro). *Utica*.
- audio-visual* (Orange County Calendar). One word: *audiovisual*.
- brand new* (Orange County Calendar). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
- cancelled* (Metro). *canceled*.
- cuss words* (Valley). One word: *cusswords*.
- drug store* (Westside). *drugstore*.
- fire retardant* (Orange County). Hyphenate: *fire-retardant*.
- gap-toothed* (Orange County Calendar). One word: *gaptoothed*.
- Godsend* (Orange County Life). *godsend*.
- gut-bucket* (Orange County Calendar). *gutbucket*.
- hand-crafted* (Valley Calendar). *handcrafted*.
- hour-long* (San Diego). *hourlong*.
- hyper-sensitive* (Metro). *hypersensitive*.
- long-standing* barriers (Metro). *longstanding*.
- memento*es (San Diego). *mementos*.
- multi-purpose* (San Diego). One word: *multipurpose*.
- oldtimer* (Metro). Hyphenate: *old-timer*.
- open heart* surgery (Metro). *open-heart*
- over-dressing* (Metro). One word: *overdressing*.
- pack horse* (Metro). *packhorse*.
- post-game* (Orange County). *postgame*.
- prize fights* (San Diego). *prizefights*.
- short-sighted* (Valley, San Diego). *shortsighted*.
- side-splittingly* (San Diego). *sidesplittingly*.
- space ships* (Orange County Calendar). *spaceships*.
- spray painted* (Metro). Hyphenate: *spray-painted*.
- swim suits* (Metro). One word: *swimsuits*.
- wine glasses* (Metro). *wineglasses*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- [the judge] gave the plaintiffs *wide berth* to describe their fears (Metro). If you give someone a *wide berth*, you are keeping a prudent distance from them. What is intended here is *leeway* or *wide latitude*.

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Style & Usage Report

October 5, 1989

This report primarily covers the period from Sept. 27 through Sept. 29, but two or three items date from two weeks earlier.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- graffiti *is* scrawled (Glendale). *are*.
- a *candelabra* (Orange County). *candelabrum*.
- an old *FDR* man (Metro). *F.D.R.*
- died *from* a cocaine overdose (Orange County). *of*.
- state Water Resources Control Board (San Gabriel). Capitalize: *State*.
- forbidding [them] *from piloting . . .* (Metro). *to pilot*.
- upstate* New York (San Diego). Capitalize: *Upstate*.
- a *good-paying* job (Metro). *well-paying*.
- who [Reiner] described as . . . (Metro). *whom*

SPELLING:

- [poet] *Alan* Ginsberg (Orange County Calendar). *Allen*.
- Freemont* Elementary School (Orange County). *Fremont*.
- Judge *Glennette* Blackwell (Metro). *Glenette*.
- [Glendale Mayor] *Jerald* Milner (Glendale). *Jerold*.
- Johns Manville* [Corp.] (San Diego). Hyphenate: *Johns-Manville*.
- [poet] *Langstan* Hughes (Orange County). *Langston*.
- [artist] *Lichtenstien* (Southeast). *Lichtenstein*.
- Neo-Expressionist* (Orange County). *Neo-Expressionist*.
- J. C. *Penny* Co. (San Gabriel). *Penney*.
- Deputy Dist Atty. *Philip* Heeger (Glendale). *Phillip*.

- benefited* (Southeast). *benefitted*.
- bio-degradable* (Orange County). One word: *biodegradable*.
- . . . hard to interpret it as a *complement* (Metro). *compliment*.
- just *desserts* (Metro). *deserts*.
- dish-cloth* (Valley Calendar). One word: *dishcloth*.
- etcetera* (Metro). Two words: *et cetera*
- had a *falling out* (San Diego). Hyphenate: *falling-out*.
- light-hearted* (Orange County Calendar). One word: *lighthearted*.
- long-haired* (Metro). *longhaired*.
- long-standing* complaints (Long Beach). *longstanding*.
- a *long-time* critic (Long Beach). *longtime*.
- out-sized* (San Diego). *outsized*.
- pill-box* hat (Orange County Calendar). *pillbox*.
- a *Puckish* smile (Long Beach). Lowercase: *puckish*.
- radichio* (San Diego). *radicchio*.
- saleable* (San Diego). *salable*.

FACTS:

- Smith, Barney, Harris, Upham & Co.* (Metro). Only one comma: *Smith Barney, Harris Upham*.
- Assemblyman Richard Katz (D-Sepulveda) (Valley). *Sylmar*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- burglaries* [of telephone wire on poles] (Metro). This is the theft of something from an outdoor location; *burglary* occurs when a thief breaks into a building to steal something. Make it: *thefts*.

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Style & Usage Report

October 11, 1989

With one exception, this report covers the period from Oct. 1 through Oct. 5.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- cars look exactly *like* they did (Valley Business). *as*.
- Lloyds Bank *Plc* (Orange County Business). Capitalize: *PLC*.
- the *risk* . . . may be “fourfold fewer . . .” (Metro). *risks*.
- state* Board of Education (Metro). Capitalize: *State*.
- state* Board of Equalization (Metro). *State*.
- state* Water Resources Control Board (Metro). *State*.
- the *kudos* *were* . . . (San Diego Calendar). *Kudos* is singular: *was*.
- none of the chiropractors *was* . . . (Metro). *were*.
- . . . *whom* he said was a friend (Metro). *who*.

FACTS:

- state* Court of *Appeals* (Metro). *Appeal*.
- Sen. Wadie A. Deddeh (San Diego). *P.*
- California Bar Assn.* (San Diego). *State Bar of California*.
- Assemblyman Richard Katz (D-Sepulveda) (Metro). *Sylmar*.
- 9th U.S. Circuit Court (San Diego). *U.S. 9th*.

SPELLING:

- her *Bel Air* home (Metro). Hyphenate: *Bel-Air*.
- Benecia* (Metro). *Benicia*.
- Dekalb* County, Ga. (Metro). Two words: *De Kalb*.
- [Soviet] Defense Minister *Dimitri* Yazov (San Diego, Metro). *Dmitri* T.
- Champs Elysee* (Orange County). *Elysees*.
- Guiness* Book of World Records (Metro). *Guinness*.
- [MWD spokesman] Jay *Malinosuki* (Metro). *Malinowski*.
- Rolls Royce* (Valley Business). Hyphenate: *Rolls-Royce*.
- Maywood Mayor *Rosemarie* Busciglio (Southeast). Two words: *Rose Marie*.
- Tuscon* (Metro). *Tucson*.
- [critic] Alexander *Woolcott* (San Diego Calendar). *Woolcott*.

- attribuatable* (San Diego). *attributable*.
- audio cassette* (San Diego). One word: *audiocassette*.
- buck teeth* (Valley). *buckteeth*.
- co-mingle* (Orange County Life). *commingle*.
- drug store* (Metro). One word: *drugstore*.
- flood water* (San Diego). *floodwater*.
- a *give-away* (San Diego). *giveaway*.
- heart strings* (Metro). *heartstrings*.
- hub caps* (Metro). *hubcaps*.
- lead-off* witness (Metro). *leadoff*.
- a *masters* degree (San Diego View). *master's*.
- oil man* (Metro). One word: *oilman*.
- the department that *overseas* . . . (Valley Business). *oversees*.
- premediated* (Metro). *premeditated*.
- . . . become a *prophecy* (Orange County Calendar). *prophecy*.
- sales people* (Metro). One word: *salespeople*.
- semi-annual* (Metro). *semiannual*.
- trap door* (Orange County). *trapdoor*.
- work horse* (Metro). *workhorse*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- pom-pom* waving cheerleaders (Metro). A *pom-pom* girl is a prostitute. What's meant here is *pompon*.

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Style & Usage Report

October 16, 1989

This report covers the period from Oct. 6 through Oct. 10.

FACTS:

- Melville was one of the prose masters of the *17th Century* (Metro). Melville lived and wrote in the *19th Century*.
- Sears & Roebuck* (Orange County). *Sears, Roebuck & Co.*
- Richard Katz (D-Panorama City) (Southeast). *Sylmar*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

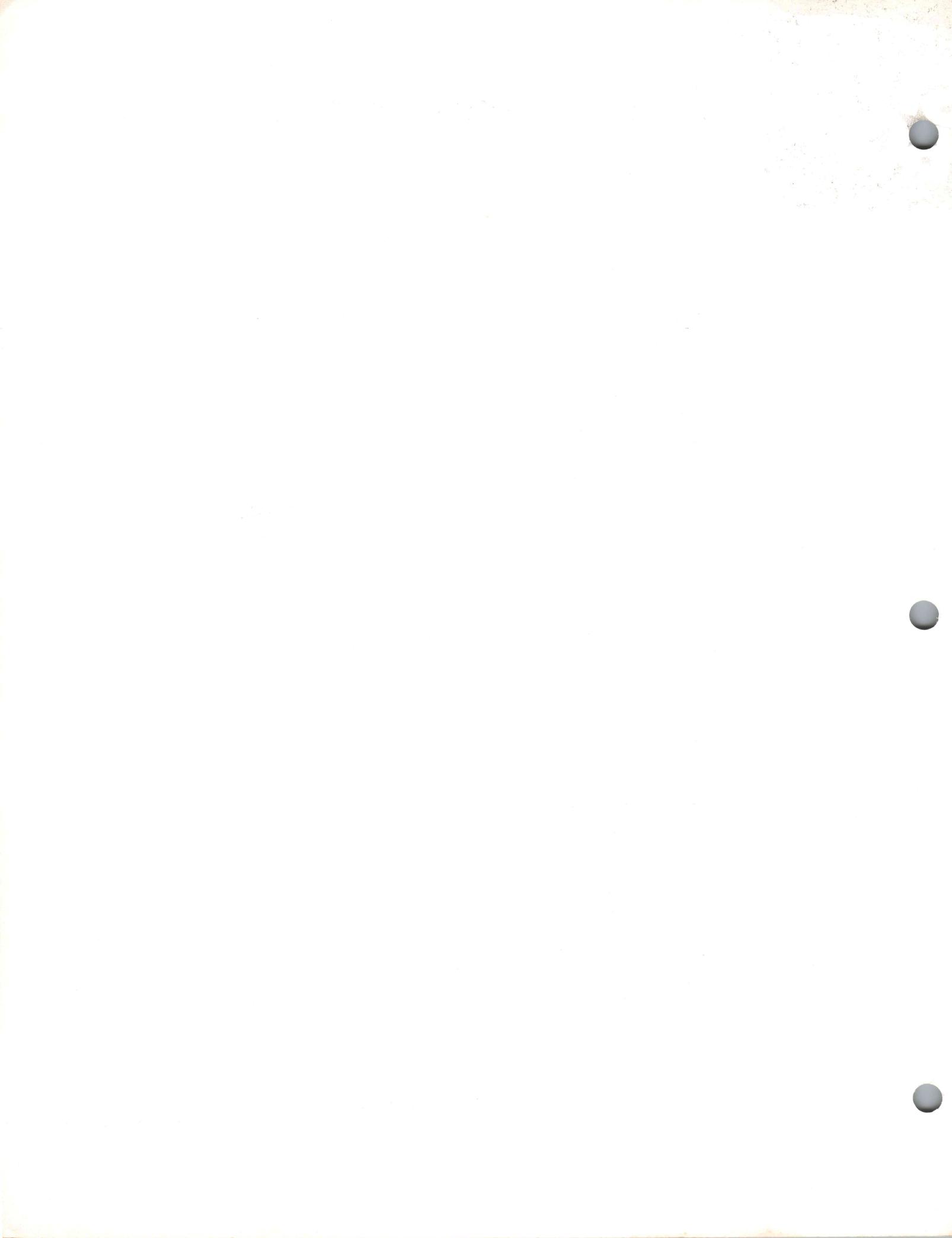
- National *Governor's Assn.* (Metro). *Governors'*.
- 9 m.m.* semiautomatic (San Diego). *9-millimeter*.
- died from pneumonia (Metro). *of*.
- Ponderosa Pines* (Metro). Lowercase: *ponderosa pines*.
- finds [it] more preferable (Metro). *finds preferable*.
- Capitol *records* (Metro). Capitalize: *Records*.
- he sunk his money into . . . (Westside). *sank*.
- a sometimes ally (Metro). *sometime*.
- State* Department of Fish and Game (San Diego). Lower-case: *state*.
- who . . .* authorities described as . . . (San Diego). *whom*.
- who* the media chooses to quote (Metro). *whom* and *choose*.

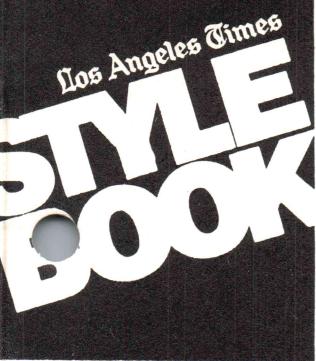
SPELLING:

- Browning Ferris* Industries (San Gabriel). Hyphenate: *Browning-Ferris*.
- “L'Apres-Midi d'un Faun” (San Diego Calendar). *Faune*.
- Judge Bruce R. *Geehnaert* (Metro). *Geernaert*.
- LaVerne* (Valley Business). Two words: *La Verne*.
- [actress] Eva *LaGalliene* (Metro). *Le Gallienne*.
- Solana Beach Councilwoman *Marian Dodson* (San Diego). *Marion*.
- Mohave* Desert (Metro). *Mojave*.
- Readers* Digest (Westside). Note apostrophe: *Reader's*.
- Memorial *Sloan Kettering* Cancer Center (San Diego). Hyphenate: *Sloan-Kettering*.
- [ex-Education Secretary] *Terrell Bell* (Metro). *Terrel H.*
- Vanalstyne*, Tex. (Metro). Two words: *Van Alstyne*.
- Winston Salem* (San Diego Business). Hyphenate: *Winston-Salem*.

- back-country* (San Diego). One word: *backcountry*.
- ball game* (Metro). *ballgame*.
- blood-sucking* (Orange County). *bloodsucking*.
- enroute* (San Gabriel, Oct). Two words: *en route*.
- flea bites* (Orange County). One word: *fleabites*.
- God-like* (Westside). *godlike*.
- half-brother* (San Diego). Two words: *half brother*.
- hand-written* (Metro). One word: *handwritten*.
- heathly* (Orange County). *healthy*.
- hob-nob* (Orange County Life). One word: *hobnob*.
- jack hammer* (Southeast). *jackhammer*.
- long, drawn-out war* (Metro). Two hyphens: *long-drawn-out*.
- long-time residents* (Valley). One word: *longtime*.
- month-long* (Southeast). *monthlong*.
- out-manned* (Westside Sports). *outmanned*.
- re-apportionment* (Valley). *reapportionment*.
- re-touched* (Orange County Life). *retouched*.
- second guessing* (Metro). Hyphenate: *second-guessing*.
- soil-less* (San Diego). One word: *soilless*.
- speciality* (Metro). *specialty*.
- taekwondo* (Westside). Three words: *tae kwon do*.
- word play* (Orange County Calendar). One word: *wordplay*.

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Style & Usage Report

October 19, 1989

This report covers the period from Oct. 11 through Oct. 13.

FACTS:

- Municipal Judge Frederic A. Link (San Diego). His initial is *L*.
- Wertheim & Schroder Co. (Metro). *Wertheim Schroder & Co.*

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- looked *like* it could . . . (Valley). *as if*.
- the Rev.* William J. Wood [a Catholic priest] (Metro). *Father*.
- the secretary of the *interior* (Metro). Capitalize: *Interior*.
- if *its* well-intended (Metro). Note apostrophe: *it's*.
- Minke* whales (Westside). Lowercase: *minke*.
- state* Board of Education (Metro). Capitalize: *State*.
- state* Board of Equalization (Metro). *State*.
- whom* police said was . . . (Valley). *who*.
- at her *wit's* end (San Diego). *wits'*.

SPELLING:

- [Sonoma County Deputy Dist Atty.] Peter *Bummerts* (Metro). *Bumerts*.
- Carnegie-Mellon* (Orange County Life). No hyphen: *Carnegie Mellon*.
- Claremont* Mesa Blvd. (San Diego Calendar). *Clairemont*.
- [actor] Hans Conreid (Metro). *Conried*.
- [Canadian Ambassador] Derreck Burney (Metro). *Derek*.
- Nossaman, *Gunther*, Knox & Elliott (Metro). *Guthner*.
- Supervisor *Harriet* M. Wieder (Orange County). *Harriett*.
- Hermanidad* Mexicana Nacional (Orange County). *Hermandad*.
- Thornton* Steel (Orange County Life). *Thornton*.
- Princess *Jasmine* Kahn (Orange County Life). *Yasmin Khan*.

- audio-cassette* (Orange County Life). One word: *audiocassette*.
- callouses* (San Diego Calendar). *calluses*.
- coed* (Westside). Hyphenate: *co-ed*.
- curiousity* (Metro). *curiosity*.
- dream-like* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *dreamlike*.
- hyper-active* (San Diego). *hyperactive*.
- impassible* (Orange County Life). *impassable*.
- labeled* (San Diego). *labeled*.
- mail order* business (Metro). Hyphenate: *mail-order*.
- occurring* (Ventura). *occurring*.
- premeditation* (Valley). *premeditation*.
- resistence* (Orange County). *resistance*.
- school teachers* (Metro). One word: *schoolteachers*.
- severly* (Metro). *severely*.
- shoe-horn* (San Gabriel). One word: *shoehorn*.
- sub-lease* (Orange County). *sublease*.
- Tai Kwando* (Ventura). Three words: *tae kwan do*.
- toll booth* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *tollbooth*.
- tumeric* (Valley Calendar). *tumeric*.
- weather-worn* (San Gabriel). *weatherworn*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Arch de Triomphe* (Orange County). Either *Arc de Triomphe* or *Arch of Triumph* but not a combination.

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Style & Usage Report

October 25, 1989

This report covers the period from Oct. 17 through Oct. 19.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- the damage looked much worse *in person* (Metro). *at firsthand*.
- longer by at least double* (Metro). *at least twice as long*.
- apples *lolling* on the ground (Metro). *lying*.

FACTS:

- Assemblyman Bruce Bronson (Ventura County). *Bronzan*.
- Los Angeles *Municipal Courthouse* (Metro). *County Courthouse*.
- Encyclopedia Britannica* (San Gabriel). *Encyclopaedia*.
- National *Institute* of Health (Long Beach). *Institutes*.
- Moet Chandon* [Champagne] (San Diego Calendar). *Moet & Chandon*.

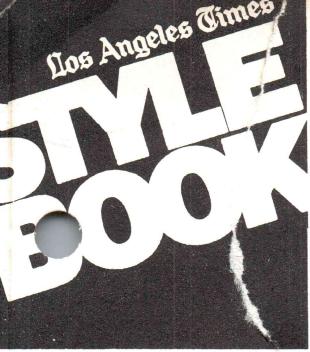
SPELLING:

- Arroyal Verde Park* (Ventura County Sports). *Arroyo*.
- Bear Stearns, & Co.* (San Diego Business). *Bear, Stearns & Co.*
- Crowell Weedon & Co.* (Orange County Business). Note comma: *Crowell, Weedon*.
- Cruttendon & Co.* (Orange County Business). *Cruttenden*.
- Cecil B. Demille* (Metro). *De Mille*.
- Assemblywoman Marian *La Follete* (Valley). *La Follette*.
- Goldman Sachs & Co.* (Orange County Business). Note comma: *Goldman, Sachs*.
- Haagen Dazs* [ice cream]. (San Diego Calendar). Hyphenate: *Haagen-Dazs*.
- Councilman Warren *Hardwood* (Long Beach). *Harwood*.
- Omar *Khayam* (Metro). *Khayyam*.
- Loewen Ondatje McCutcheon & Co.* (Metro, Orange County Business). Note commas: *Loewen, Ondatje, McCutcheon*.
- Judge Malcolm *MacKey* (Valley). *Mackey*.
- Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith* (Orange County Business). Two commas: *Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith*.
- Naugle's* (Orange County Life). No apostrophe: *Naugles*.
- “*Phillip Morris Playhouse*” (Metro). *Philip*.
- Prudential Bache* (Orange County Business). Hyphenate: *Prudential-Bache*.
- Mt. *Raineer* (Ventura County Sports). *Rainier*.
- Ralph's* supermarket (Orange County). No apostrophe: *Ralphs*.
- former EPA chief William D. *Ruckleshaus* (Metro). *Ruckelshaus*.
- Fisherman's Warf* (Metro). *Wharf*.

- the road might *dead end* (Ventura County). Hyphenate: *dead-end*.
- dosed* the audience with a hose (Ventura County Sports). *doused*.
- first-hand* (Metro). One word: *firsthand*.
- guard rail* (Metro). *guardrail*.
- healthly* (Valley). *healthy*.
- hitch-hiking* (San Diego Business). One word: *hitchhiking*.
- hocus pocus* (Metro). Hyphenate: *hocus-pocus*.
- inflammation* (Ventura County Sports). *inflammation*.
- Llamas* (Ventura County Sports). Lowercase: *llamas*.
- log book* (Metro). One word: *logbook*.
- occured* (Ventura County Sports). *occurred*.
- pitch black* (Metro). Hyphenate: *pitch-black*.
- nerve-wracking* (San Diego). *racking*.
- severence* (Metro). *severance*.
- stock broker* (Metro). One word: *stockbroker*.

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Style & Usage Report

October 30, 1989

This report covers the period from Oct. 20 through Oct. 24.

FACTS:

- a *Styrofoam* cup (Metro). *plastic foam*.
- Republic of Soviet Georgia* (San Diego). *Soviet Republic of Georgia*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- San Diego's *high rises* (San Diego). Hyphenate: *high-rises*.
- died from a blood clot (Valley). *of*.
- poignance* (San Diego Calendar). *poignancy*.
- a driver *spit* at him (Westside). *spat*.
- Yuppies* (Metro). Lowercase: *yuppies*.

SPELLING:

- Bear Stearns & Co.* (Valley Business). Note comma: *Bear, Stearns*.
- [poet] T. S. *Elliott* (Orange County Life). *Elliott*.
- Barton, Klugman & *Oetting* (Orange County Life). *Oetting*.
- Lloyds* of London (Metro). Note apostrophe: *Lloyd's*. But it's *Lloyds Bank*.
- McKittrick*, Jackson, DeMarco & Peckenpaugh (Orange County Life). *McKittrick*.
- Mercer-Meidinger Hansen* (Orange County). Two hyphens: *Mercer-Meidinger-Hansen*.
- Au Bon Temp de Saigon* (Orange County). *Temps*.

- acknowledgement* (Metro). *acknowledgment*.
- ballons* (South Bay). *balloons*,
- brand new* (Metro). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
- cooly* (Metro). *coolly*.
- dove-ish* (San Diego Calendar). *dovish*.
- duckets* [tickets] (Orange County Calendar). *ducats*.
- eye liner* (Orange County Life). One word: *eyeliner*.
- fly traps* (San Gabriel). *flytraps*.
- hair brush* (San Diego). *hairbrush*.
- hang-out* (San Gabriel). *hangout*.
- jam-packed* (Metro). *jampacked*.
- leaseable* (Orange County Business). *leasable*.
- light-hearted* (Metro). One word: *lighthearted*.
- long, drawn-out* (Metro). Two hyphens: *long-drawn-out*.
- long-time* residents (Metro). One word: *longtime*
- neck tie* (Metro). *necktie*.
- pan fried* dumplings (San Diego). Hyphenate: *pan-fried*.
- pseudo-scientific* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *pseudoscientific*.
- rat-tail* haircut (San Gabriel). *rattail*
- sea wall* (Metro). *seawall*.
- soap-box* (Orange County). *soapbox*.
- straight-laced* (Orange County). *strait-laced*.
- three-fold* increase (Metro). One word: *threefold*.
- video tape* (Valley Business). *videotape*.

MEA CULPA:

- A recent report changed *benefited* to *benefitted*. The former is correct.
- Another entry referred to a *fourfold decrease*, which would be a decrease of 400%. Obviously, no decrease can be more than 100%.

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Style & Usage Report

November 4, 1989

This report covers the period from Oct. 25 through Oct. 27.

FACTS:

- Peat Marwick Main* (Orange County Business). *KPMG Peat Marwick*.
- “The Last *Mafiosi*” (Orange County). *Mafioso*.
- Sen. Richard Katz (D-*Panorama City*) (Glendale). *Sylmar*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- with [the] *freeway in a shambles* (Orange County). *freeway a shambles*.
- the Rev.* Nicholas Dempsey [a priest] (San Diego). *Father*.
- more *importantly* (Metro). *important*.
- secretary of the *interior* (San Diego). Capitalize: *Interior*.
- neither the San Joaquin . . . or other reservoirs (Orange County Life). *nor*.
- neither of these conditions *prevail* (Orange County Life). *prevails*.

SPELLING:

- [Sonoma County] Judge *J. Brian* Jamar (Metro). *R. Bryan*.
- Coirdova* Road (Orange County). *Cordova*.
- Dayton-Hudson* (San Diego Business). No hyphen: *Dayton Hudson*.
- Ellsmere* dump (Valley). *Elsmere*.
- Goldman Sachs* (Orange County Business). Note comma: *Goldman, Sachs*.
- the Freddie Krugers* (Orange County Life). *Kruegers*.
- Lloyds* of London (Orange County). Note apostrophe: *Lloyd's*.
- [Deputy City Atty. Teresa *Luhan* (Westside). *Lujan*.
- Edward *McDowell* Medal (Metro). *MacDowell*.
- Agatha Christie's “The *Mouse Trap*” (Valley Calendar). *Mousetrap*.
- Whittmann Elementary School (Valley Calendar). *Wittmann*.

- aproximately* (Metro). *approximately*.
- bigmouthed* (Metro). Hyphenate: *big-mouthed*.
- cab driver* (Metro). One word: *cabdriver*.
- free-wheeling* (Orange County Calendar). *freewheeling*.
- funny looking* (Glendale). Hyphenate: *funny-looking*.
- Godsend* (Orange County). Lowercase: *godsend*.
- half-sister* (Metro). Two words: *half sister*.
- high voltage* power lines (Orange County). Hyphenate: *high-voltage*.
- hodge-podge* (Orange County Calendar) One word: *hodgepodge*.
- race horses* (San Gabriel). *racehorses*.
- slaughter house* (Metro). *slaughterhouse*.
- snap brim* hats (Orange County Life). Hyphenate: *snap-brim*.
- excited about the old *war horses* (Metro). One word: *warhorses*.
- yellow tail* (Valley). *yellowtail*.
- zig-zags* (Orange County Life). *zigzags*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- went into *an apothecary* and . . . (Metro). An *apothecary* is a pharmacist. Make it: *an apothecary's shop*.

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Style & Usage Report

December 5, 1989

This report covers the period from Nov. 23 through Nov. 27.

FACTS:

- Sen. Joseph M. Montoya (Metro). His middle initial is *B*.
- Assemblyman Johan Klehs (D-*San Leandro*) (San Diego). *Castro Valley*.
- Styrofoam* cups (San Diego Calendar). *plastic foam*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

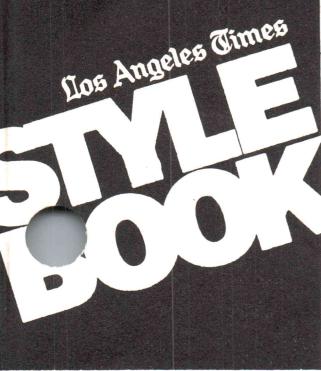
- graffiti is spray-painted (Metro). *are*.
- the Catholic *church* in California (Orange County). Capitalize: *Church*.
- District Attorney* [Bradbury] (Ventura County). Abbreviate: *Dist. Atty*.
- dissented with the majority (Orange County). *from*.
- redolent* with relics (Orange County Life). *replete*.
- took another *tact* (Orange County). *tack*.
- forbids people *from using* (Orange County). *to use*.

SPELLING:

- [jazz musician] Count *Bassie* (Southeast). *Basie*.
- the *Dion* Quintuplets (Orange County). *Dionne*.
- [artist] Willem *DeKooning* (Metro). *de Kooning*.
- Gibson Dunn* & Crutcher (Metro). Note comma: *Gibson, Dunn*.
- MacIntosh* [computers] (Southeast). *Macintosh*.
- Muratta* Pearl [Co.] (Orange County Life). *Murata*.
- Phillip* K. Wrigley (South Bay). *Philip*.
- Sears Roebuck* (Orange County). Note comma: *Sears, Roebuck*.
- philanthropist Stanley *Scheinbaum* (Metro). *Sheinbaum*.
- Tbilisi* (San Diego Calendar). *Tbilisi*.
- Trammel* Crow Co. (Orange County Life). *Trammell*.

- child-like* (Metro). One word: *childlike*.
- ear-splitting* (Metro). *earsplitting*.
- gift wrap* the fish (Westside). Hyphenate: *gift-wrap*.
- guard rail* (Ventura County). One word: *guardrail*.
- half-brother* (Ventura County). Two words: *half brother*.
- hand-made* (Metro). One word: *handmade*.
- an artists' *hang out* (Metro). *hangout*.
- high pressure* sodium bulbs (San Gabriel). Hyphenate: *high-pressure*.
- didn't quite *gel* (San Diego Calendar). *jell*.
- long-haired* (Metro). *longhaired*.
- a *long-time* associate (Metro). *longtime*.
- over-crowded* (Metro). *overcrowded*.
- faux pax* (Orange County Life). *pas*.
- powder blue* Ford (Metro). *powder-blue*.
- prong-horned* antelope (Orange County). One word: *pronghorn*.
- refering* (Valley). *referring*.
- second-hand* mattress (Metro). *secondhand*.
- schtick* (Valley Calendar). *shtick*.
- shmear* (Valley Calendar). *schmear*.
- snow storm* (Metro). One word: *snowstorm*.
- spray painted* (Metro). Hyphenate: *spray-painted*.
- out of *synch* (Orange County). *sync*.
- video disc* (Valley Calendar). One word: *videodisc*.
- zoot suiter* (San Gabriel). Hyphenate: *zoot-suiter*.

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Style & Usage Report

December 31, 1989

This report covers Dec. 14-15 and Dec. 26-27.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- look *like* they were . . . (Valley). *as if*.
- 566 *B.C.* (Glendale). No periods: *BC*.
- [her] *climatic* contribution (Orange County Calendar). *climactic*.
- a group *comprised* . . . of . . . (Metro). *composed*.
- the Rev.* Greg Boyle [a Jesuit] (Metro). *Father*.
- neither the [agency] nor the RTD *are* . . . (Metro). *is*.
- its* all hype (Orange County Life). Note apostrophe: *it's*.
- its* safer (San Diego). *it's*.
- the drugs *shrunk* the tumor (Orange County Life). *shrank*.
- .22-caliber* revolver (Valley). *.22-caliber*.
- state* Board of Equalization (Orange County). Capitalize: *State*.
- neither the vice principal nor the girl *were* injured (Valley). *was*.
- who* deputies identified as . . . (Metro). *whom*.

SPELLING:

- Camelia* Avenue [Fountain Valley] (Orange County). *Camellia*.
- “*Hello Dolly*” (Orange County Calendar). “*Hello, Dolly!*”
- Freddie *Kreuger* (Orange County). *Krueger*.
- Ft. *Mead* [Maryland] (Valley View). *Meade*.
- attorney Amy *Nieman* (Metro). *Neiman*.
- Rousillon* [France] (Metro). *Roussillon*.
- Ruben* H. Fleet (San Diego). *Reuben*.
- Siddartha* Buddha (Glendale). *Siddhartha*.
- Tien An Men* Square (Valley View). *Tian*.

- accidently* (Orange County). *accidentally*.
- black-balling* (Metro). One word: *blackballing*.
- blood stream* (Metro). *bloodstream*.
- cab drivers* (Long Beach, Metro). *cabdrivers*.
- data base* (Metro). *database*.
- drain pipe* (Metro). *drainpipe*.
- east-bound* drivers (Metro). *eastbound*.
- egg nog* (Metro). *eggnog*.
- existance* (Orange County Life). *existence*.
- hair brush* (Metro). One word: *hairbrush*.
- hour-long* (Metro). *hourlong*.
- jet black* (Metro). Hyphenate: *jet-black*.
- labeled* (Long Beach). *labeled*.
- match-maker* (Orange County Calendar). One word: *matchmaker*.
- narrow minded* (Metro). Hyphenate: *narrow-minded*.
- previous . . . prophesies* (Metro). *prophecies*.
- rose bushes* (Metro). One word: *rosebushes*.
- school children* (San Diego View). *schoolchildren*.
- second-hand* (Metro). *secondhand*.
- self worth* (Metro). Hyphenate: *self-worth*.
- year-long* (Metro). One word: *yearlong*.

FACTS:

- the blow that *ended* Spain's rule of Cordova and Sevilla (Metro). Cordova and Sevilla are still part of Spain.
- The Hobbit . . . in *Fullerton* (Orange County Calendar). *Orange*.
- Assemblyman Richard Katz (D-Sepulveda) (Metro). *Sylmar*.

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Style & Usage Report

January 19, 1990

This report covers the period from Jan. 10 through Jan. 15.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- art deco* (Southeast). Capitalize: *Art Deco*.
- both sides accuse* the other (San Diego Calendar). *each side accuses*.
- if an owner *flaunts* the law (Orange County). *flouts*.
- Hispanic* areas (Metro). *Latino*.
- Rep. [Edward R.] Roybal (D-Calif.) (San Diego). *Los Angeles*.
- died *from* a chokehold (Metro). *of*.
- died *from* a gunshot wound (Valley). *of*.
- an *abrasion* on the cheek (Orange County). *scrape*.

SPELLING:

- Aguora* Hills (Metro). *Agoura*.
- [attorney] *Ann* Lanphar (Orange County Business). *Anne*.
- Bateman, Eichler*, Hill Richards (Orange County Business). No comma: *Bateman Eichler*.
- UC President David P. *Gardener* (Metro). *Gardner*.
- Gibson Dunn & Crutcher* (Orange County Business). Note comma: *Gibson, Dunn*.
- Hanna Barbera* cartoons (San Diego). Hyphenate: *Hanna-Barbera*.
- Machu Picchu* (San Diego View). *Machu*.
- Monterrey* Park (San Diego Business). *Monterey*.
- [ex-Secretary of State] George P. *Schultz* (Orange County). *Shultz*.
- Ft. *Sumpter* (San Diego View). *Sumter*.
- [the Hindu god] *Visnu* (Valley Calendar). *Vishnu*.
- Wertheim, Schroder & Co.* (Orange County Business). No comma: *Wertheim Schroder*.
- [candidate] Walter *Zellman* (Westside). *Zelman*.

- acquiting* (San Diego). *acquitting*.
- audio tapes* (Metro). One word: *audiotapes*.
- breast-stroke* (Westside Sports). No hyphen: *breast stroke*.
- cab driver* (Valley, South Bay). One word: *cabdriver*.
- choke-hold* Orange County). *chokehold*.
- duck tails* (Westside). *ducktails*.
- fish pond* (Westside). *fishpond*.
- flower pots* (Westside). *flowerpots*.
- half-brother* (Metro). No hyphen: *half brother*.
- hand-wrought* (Westside). One word: *handwrought*.
- honey bees* (Metro). *honeybees*.
- light years* (Metro). Hyphenate: *light-years*.
- . . . has been *loathe* to . . . (San Diego Calendar). *loath*.
- the *long-time* leader (Southeast, San Gabriel). One word: *longtime*.
- occurences* (Orange County Life). *occurrences*.
- world-renowned* (Westside). *renowned*.
- school teacher* (Metro). One word: *schoolteacher*.
- don't *second guess* (Orange County Calendar). Hyphenate: *second-guess*.
- semi-finalist* (Orange County Calendar). One word: *semifinalist*.
- sharp-shooting* (San Diego Calendar). *sharpshooting*.
- a *white collar* prosecutor (Valley). Hyphenate: *white-collar*.
- zig-zag* (Westside). One word: *zigzag*.

FACTS:

- Occupational Safety and Health *Agency* (Metro). *Administration*.
- Mexican American Legal Defense and *Education* Fund (Metro). *Educational*.

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Style & Usage Report

January 29, 1990

This report covers two items from Jan. 11 and the period from Jan. 16 through Jan. 19.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- he envisions the new facility *to be . . .* (South Bay). *as*.
- look *like* they're . . . (Orange County Life). *as if*.
- [Jewish] *high holy days* (Metro). Capitalize: *High Holy Days*.
- officials concur *with* that assessment (Valley). *in*.
- fingerprints . . . *indicates* that . . . (Valley). *indicate*.
- somebody who *know's . . .* (Metro). No apostrophe: *knows*.
- maitre'd* (Orange County Calendar). *maitre d'*.
- death *from* consumption (San Diego Calendar). *of*.
- convicted [him] *of* one count (Metro). *on*.
- none [of them] *was* assigned (Metro). *were*.

SPELLING:

- [choreographer] Alvin *Alley* (Orange County Calendar). *Ailey*.
- Carrera* marble (Orange County Business). *Carrara*.
- Municipal Judge Josh *Fredericks* (South Bay). *Fredricks*.
- Ghandi* [restaurant] (Orange County Calendar). *Gandhi*.
- Mavolio* in "Twelfth Night" (Metro). *Malvolio*.
- [actor] Edward James *Olmos* (Orange County Life). *Olmos*.
- Assemblyman *Philip* Wyman (Metro). *Phillip*.
- Seventh-Day* Adventist (Orange County). *Seventh-day*.
- Sigalert* (Metro). *SigAlert*.
- [composer] Andrew Lloyd *Weber* (Ventura County). *Webber*.
- [director] Franco *Zefferelli* (San Diego Calendar). *Zeffirelli*.

- anti-climactic* (Metro). One word: *anticlimactic*.
- battle ax* (Orange County). Hyphenate: *battle-ax*.
- bond holders* (Metro). One word: *bondholders*.
- cab driver* (Metro). *cabdriver*.
- car washes* (Metro). *carwashes*.
- cloud seeding* (San Diego). Hyphenate: *cloud-seeding*.
- coffee pots* (Metro). One word: *coffeepots*.
- collectable* (Ventura County). *collectible*.
- discreetly* marketed (San Diego Business). *discreetly*.
- field workers* (Metro). One word: *fieldworkers*.
- fire bugs* (Orange County Calendar). *firebugs*.
- foreswears* (Orange County Calendar). *forswears*.
- free-wheeling* (Orange County Calendar). One word: *freewheeling*.
- a long-standing* [question] (Metro). *longstanding*.
- mementoes* (Metro). *mementos*.
- monicker* (Metro). *moniker*.
- movie-goers* (Orange County). One word: *moviegoers*.
- night club* (Orange County). *nightclub*.
- pick-axes* (Metro). *pickaxes*.
- to *spread eagle* on the ground (Metro). Hyphenate: *spread-eagle*.
- stand-offish* (Orange County Calendar). One word: *standoffish*.
- a vague *statue* (Metro). *statute*.
- wire-tapping* (Orange County). One word: *wiretapping*

FACTS:

- Jimmy (the Weasel)* Fratianno (Orange County). *Aladena (Jimmy the Weasel)*.
- the poet *Acrisius* wrote . . . (Metro). "Acrisius" is the title of a work by the Greek dramatist Sophocles, who was the author of the lines quoted.
- Van Alden Street* (Valley). *Vanalden Avenue*.

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Style & Usage Report

February 9, 1990

This report covers the period from Jan. 31 through Feb. 2.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- looked *like* it would be . . . (Orange County). *as if*.
- either* had read the story or the headline (San Diego). *had read either*.
- concurred *with* the decision (Metro). *in*. You concur *with* a person but *in* a decision.
- 70% are *Hispanic* (Orange County Life). *Latino*.
- Martinez'* . . . eye (Metro). *Martinez's*.
- a waiver *from* . . . standards (Metro). *of*.
- algae* tends to form . . . (Metro). *tend*.
- whom* police said were . . . (Orange County). *who*.
- world fair* (San Diego Calendar). *world's*.

SPELLING:

- Burroughs-Wellcome* [drug company] (Metro). No hyphen: *Burroughs Wellcome*.
- Carrie* Nation [temperance advocate] (Metro). *Carry*.
- [Judge] Juelann *Kathay* (Valley). *Cathey*.
- Supervisor Ed *Edelman* (Metro). *Edelman*.
- Ghandi* [restaurant] (Orange County Calendar). *Gandhi*.
- Gibson Dunn & Crutcher* (Orange County Life). Note comma: *Gibson, Dunn*.
- Hingham*, Mass. (Orange County Business). *Hingham*.
- Genghis Kahn* (Metro). *Khan*.
- [bandleader] Kay *Kayser* (Metro). *Kyser*.
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Orange County). Lowercase: *Latter-day*.
- Morman* (Metro). *Mormon*.
- Portrero* Road (Ventura County). *Potrero*.
- Schnauzer* (Orange County Life). Lowercase: *schnauzer*.
- Easter week* (Orange County Life). Capitalize: *Week*.

- blue-nose* fantasy (San Diego Calendar). One word: *bluenose*.
- body guard* (Orange County Calendar). *bodyguard*.
- church-going* (San Diego). *churchgoing*.
- great uncle* (Metro). Hyphenate: *great-uncle*.
- ground-breaking* (San Diego). One word: *groundbreaking*.
- guide book* (Metro). *guidebook*.
- heart-warming* (Metro). *heartwarming*.
- long-time* resident (Valley). *longtime*.
- Malathion* (San Gabriel). Lowercase: *malathion*.
- mens* pants (Orange County Business). Note apostrophe: *men's*.
- nunchuke* (San Diego). *nunchaku*.
- pig sty* (Metro). One word: *pigsty*.
- rubber-necking* (Metro). One word: *rubbernecking*.
- sequinned* (Orange County Life). *sequined*.
- snow-capped* (Orange County). One word: *snowcapped*.
- stop-gap* (Westside). *stopgap*.
- tear drop* (Metro). *teardrop*.
- toe hold* (Metro). *toehold*.
- transferring* (Long Beach). *transferring*.
- vis a vis* (Orange County Calendar). Hyphenate: *vis-a-vis*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Gunite* (San Diego). Lowercase: *gunite*. It's no longer a trademark.

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Style & Usage Report

February 14, 1990

This report covers the period from Feb. 3 through Feb. 8.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- Jimmy (the Weasel)* Fratianno (Metro). *Aladena (Jimmy the Weasel)*.
- none of the incidents *approaches* (Metro). *approach*.
- it felt *like* they were . . . (San Gabriel). *as if*.
- Secretary of Defense *Richard Cheney* (Southeast). *Dick*.
- died *from* a gunshot wound (Metro). *of*.
- rushed in *as* storm troopers (Long Beach). *like*.
- sixth graders* (Metro). Hyphenate: *sixth-graders*.
- [they] *spit* on the car (Metro). *spat*.
- who had *spit* on . . . (San Gabriel). *spat*.
- state* Board of Education (Valley). Capitalize: *State*.
- a *superior court* judge (San Diego Business). Capitalize: *Superior Court*.
- one person was killed and five others *injured*. (San Diego). *were injured*.
- a woman *whom* [they] believed was . . . (San Diego). *who*.

SPELLING:

- American *Cyanamide* Co. (Metro). *Cyanamid*.
- Neiman-Marcus* (Orange County Business). No hyphen: *Neiman Marcus*.
- Prudential Bache* Securities (Orange County Business). Hyphenate: *Prudential-Bache*.

- bald-headed* (South Bay). One word: *baldheaded*.
- birth rate* (Metro). *birthrate*.
- brain power* (Southeast). *brainpower*.
- car washes* (Metro). *carwashes*.
- first-hand* knowledge (San Diego). *firsthand*.
- guard rail* (South Bay, Metro). *guardrail*.
- hay fields* (Metro). *hayfields*.
- juke box* (Metro). *jukebox*.
- knife point* (Metro). *knifepoint*.
- land owners* (San Diego). *landowners*.
- long-time* resident (Valley). *longtime*.
- ocean-going* (San Diego). *oceangoing*.
- post-war* (San Diego). *postwar*.
- re-election* (Orange County). *reelection*.
- river bed* (Metro). *riverbed*.
- snow-capped* (Westside). One word: *snowcapped*.
- spray painted* (Metro). Hyphenate: *spray-painted*.
- tail spin* (Orange County). One word: *tailspin*.
- unforgiveable* (Metro). *unforgivable*.
- war planes* (Metro). One word: *warplanes*.
- wood-block* (San Diego Calendar). *woodblock*.
- Yuppie* (Metro). Lowercase: *yuppie*.

FACTS:

- comme ça va?* (Orange County Life). The French for "how goes it" is, *comment ça va?*
- Assemblyman Charles Bader (R-*Ontario*) (San Gabriel). *Pomona*.
- safety deposit box* (Orange County). *safe-deposit*.
- U.S. Department of *Interior* (Orange County). *the Interior*.
- Cambridge *College*, England (Westside). *University*.
- pheromone, *a female sex hormone* (San Diego). A pheromone may or may not be a female sex hormone. It is defined as "any of various chemical substances secreted externally by certain animals, as ants or moths, which convey information and produce specific responses in other individuals of the same species."
- a 12-gauge *shotgun* . . . his *rifle* (San Gabriel). Which was it?

FRED HOLLEY

Style & Usage Report

March 1, 1990

This report covers the period from Feb. 20 through Feb. 23.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- graffiti *is* . . . (Orange County, Metro). *are*.
- like* he did (Orange County Calendar). *as*.
- he *dove* into . . . (Orange County Calendar). *dived*.
- the Rev.* Joseph J. Donovan [a priest] (Westside,). *Father*.
- they know *its* wrong (Ventura County Sports). Note apostrophe: *it's*.
- Major* Gen. John Mahoney (San Diego View). Abbreviate: *Maj.*
- the number one* issue (Valley). *No. 1*.
- died *from* complications (San Diego). *of*.
- the audience—all *who* were at . . . (Orange County). *of whom*.
- state* Board of Control (Metro). Capitalize: *State*.
- teen-aged* hikers (Metro). *teen-age*.
- Thermos* (Glendale). No longer a trade name: *thermos*.
- forbids the city *from building* (Orange County). *to build*.
- neither [he] nor his attorney *were* . . . (Orange County). *was*.

SPELLING:

- Bateman, Eichler, Hill Richards* (Valley Business, San Diego Business). One comma: *Bateman Eichler, Hill Richards*.
- Hotel *Bel Air* (Orange County Business). Hyphenate: *Bel-Air*.
- [Britten's] "Hymn to St. *Cecelia*" (Orange County Calendar). *Cecilia*.
- [Appellate] Justice William R. *Channel* (Metro). *Channell*.
- county* Board of Supervisors (Metro). Capitalize: *County*.
- [the island of] *Guadaloupe* (Orange County Calendar). *Guadeloupe*.
- [attorney] *Harlan Braun* (Metro). *Harland*.
- Jello* (Glendale). *Jell-O*.
- Mitsui *Manufacturer's* Bank (Metro). No apostrophe: *Manufacturers*.
- Suisin* Bay (Metro). *Suisun*.
- Tien An Men* Square (Metro). *Tian*.
- the Western *world* (Metro). Capitalize: *World*.

- brand new* [restaurant] (San Diego). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
- a wine *celler* (Metro). *cellar*.
- clorinating* (Metro). *chlorinating*.
- chop sticks* (Orange County Calendar). One word: *chopsticks*.
- flag poles* (Orange County). *flagpoles*.
- ginko* [trees] (San Gabriel). *ginkgo*.
- [hit] their van *head on* (Metro). Hyphenate: *head-on*.
- hide and seek* (Orange County). *hide-and-seek*.
- long-time* record (Metro). One word: *longtime*.
- matter of factly* (Orange County). Hyphenate: *matter-of-factly*.
- night club* (San Diego Business). One word: *nightclub*.
- ninth grader* (Ventura County Sports). Hyphenate: *ninth-grader*.
- a one person, one vote* principle (Metro). *one-person, one-vote*.
- an open and shut* case (Metro). *open-and-shut*.
- pot luck* (Valley). One word: *potluck*.
- sheriffs'* deputies (Metro). *sheriffs*.
- shot putter* (Ventura County Sports). Hyphenate: *shot-putter*.
- six-fold* (Orange County). One word: *sixfold*.
- snow melt* (Orange County). *snowmelt*.
- speciality* (Metro). *specialty*.
- spray painting* (Metro). Hyphenate: *spray-painting*.
- teenagers* (Metro). *teen-agers*.
- week-long* survey (Orange County). One word: *weeklong*.

FRED HOLLEY

Style & Usage Report

March 7, 1990

This report covers the period from Feb. 25 through March 2.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- weren't really *effected* (Metro). *affected*.
- bounced . . . *like* it was (Orange County Life). *as if*.
- a *citizen's* commission (Metro). *citizens'*.
- players who *comprise* the subject matter of . . . (Valley View). *compose* or *constitute* or *are*.
- the amounts *comprise* the third payment (Orange County Life). *compose* or *constitute*.
- [he] *dove* [into] (Metro, Orange County Life). *dived*.
- Fort Knox* (Orange County Calendar). Abbreviate: *Ft.*
- assistant secretary of the *interior* (Valley). Capitalize: *Interior*.
- died *from* . . . one gunshot wound (Orange County). *of*.
- convinced* him not to send . . . (Ventura County). *persuaded*.
- state* Board of Education (Metro, Valley). Capitalize: *State*
- forbade* [them] *from killing* (Metro). *to kill*.
- upstate* New York (Valley View). Capitalize: *Upstate*.

SPELLING:

- Actor's* Equity (San Diego Calendar). *Actors'*.
- Parsons, *Brinckeroff*, Quade & Douglas (Orange County). *Brinckerhoff*.
- Carnegie-Mellon* University (San Diego Calendar). Two words: *Carnegie Mellon*.
- Hell's* Angels (Westside). No apostrophe: *Hells*.
- Herschal* Avenue (San Diego). *Herschel*.
- [Rome's] *Quirinale* Palace (Metro). *Quirinale*.
- Pat *Sajack* (Orange County). *Sajak*.
- [Nicaragua's] *Violette* . . . de Chamorro (Valley). *Violeta*.
- Weyerhauser* [Co.] (Orange County Business). *Weyerhaeuser*.

- air-headed* (Westside). One word: *airheaded*.
- blood-stained* (Valley). *bloodstained*.
- broken-hearted* (Metro). *brokenhearted*.
- channelled* (Valley). *channeled*.
- clearing house* (Orange County Calendar). One word: *clearinghouse*.
- coverup* (Metro). Hyphenate: *cover-up*
- day-long* drill (Metro). One word: *daylong*.
- gall-bladder* (Orange County Life). *gallbladder*.
- half-brother* (Valley). Two words: *half brother*.
- hand-wrought* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *handwrought*.
- heroine* or cocaine (Orange County). *heroin*.
- jam-packed* (Orange County). *jmpacked*.
- lombata* dancing (San Diego View). *lambada*.
- long-haired* (Orange County). One word: *longhaired*.
- pod-like* (San Diego Calendar). *podlike*.
- predominately* (Orange County Life). *predominantly*.
- rock slides* (Metro). One word: *rockslides*.
- stick pins* (Orange County Life). *stickpins*.
- tight-fisted* (Westside). One word: *tightfisted*.
- word play* (Westside). *wordplay*.
- work weeks* (Long Beach). *workweeks*.

FACTS:

- machinist* mate first class (San Diego). *machinist's*.
- astronomers on *Mt. Palomar* (San Diego). *Palomar Mountain*.

CHANGES:

- State Sen. Ed Davis' constituency is from now on to be identified as *Santa Clarita*.

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Style & Usage Report

March 19, 1990

This report covers the period from March 4 through March 12.

FACTS:

- [La Canada Flintridge] Mayor *Edward Krause* (Glendale). *Edmund*.
- convicted . . . of a . . . tax law (San Diego). A person can't be convicted of a law. Make it either *of a tax offense* or *under a tax law*.
- Paul *Osborne's* "Mornings at Seven" (Long Beach). The playwright's name is *Osborn*, and the play is "Morning's at Seven." Note apostrophe.
- Assemblyman Richard Katz (D-Sepulveda) (Metro). *Sylmar*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- the host bacteria . . . is (San Diego Business). *are*.
- San Francisco Bay *area* (Orange County Life). Capitalize: *Area*.
- made him look *like* he had . . . (Orange County Calendar). *as if*.
- look *like* they belong . . . (Valley View). *as if*.
- Los Angeles *basin* (Orange County Editorial Page). Capitalize: *Basin*.
- a photo of the state *capital* (Metro). Capitalize: *Capitol*.
- Eisenmenger's *Complex* (Orange County). Lowercase: *complex*.
- a *Hispanic* community (Ventura County Sports). *Latino*.
- Secretary's Day (San Diego). *Secretaries'*.
- sheriff's department (Valley). Capitalize: *Sheriff's Department*.
- graffiti *was* . . . scrawled (Orange County). *were*.

SPELLING:

- Ruth *Ashton-Taylor* (Long Beach). No hyphen: *Ashton Taylor*.
- Caesarean section (San Gabriel). *Cesarean*.
- [French poet] Paul *Claudell* (Valley). *Claudel*.
- Genghis *Kahn* (Ventura County, Westside). *Khan*.
- St. Catherine *Laboures* (Metro). *Laboure*.
- Debussy's "Pelleas and *Mellisande*" (Metro). *Melisande*.
- Piper *Jaffray* & Hopwood (San Diego Business). Note comma: *Piper, Jaffray*.
- Rolls Royce (Westside). Hyphenate: *Rolls-Royce*.

- art work* (San Diego). One word: *artwork*.
- bevelled* (Orange County Calendar). *beveled*.
- a *brand new* house (Orange County). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
- gives . . . the *brush off* (Ventura County). One word: *brushoff*.
- car wash* (San Gabriel). *carwash*.
- dog fight* (Ventura County). *dogfight*.
- fish hook* (San Gabriel). *fishhook*.
- hair-splitting* (Metro). *hairsplitting*.
- long-haired* (Metro). *longhaired*.
- moveable* (South Bay). *movable*.
- out of court* settlement (Valley). Hyphenate: *out-of-court*.
- photo-reconnaissance* (Metro). One word: *photoreconnaissance*.
- predominately* (San Diego View). *predominantly*.
- wracked* by losses (San Diego Business). *racked*.
- resistence* (Glendale Sports). *resistance*.
- a *red light* district (San Diego). Hyphenate: *red-light*.
- school children* (Metro). One word: *schoolchildren*.
- spray paint* offenders (Ventura County). Hyphenate: *spray-paint*.
- window sills* (Metro). One word: *windowsills*.
- zig-zagging* (Metro). *zigzagging*.

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Style & Usage Report

March 22, 1990

This report covers the period from March 13 through March 16.

FACTS:

- Altman, Brenner, Wasserman & Co. (Orange County Business). *Altman, Brenner & Wasserman*.
- Rep. Esteban E. Torres (D-Los Angeles) (Metro). *La Puente*.
- Assemblyman Richard L. Mountjoy (R-Arcadia) (Metro). *Monrovia*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- like* she did (Ventura County Life). *as*.
- AIDS may be *contacted* (Orange County Life). *contracted*.
- spraying will *go forth* (Metro). *go forward* or *proceed*.
- [wearing] *nun's* habits (San Diego Calendar). *nuns'*.
- dead *from* stab wounds (Orange County). *of*.
- NBA bestowed new teams *to* Orlando . . . (Orange County). *on*.
- wrangled* more money (Metro). *wangled*.
- his wife, *whom* he thought had . . . (Ventura County). *who*.
- a boy *whom* police believed had been . . . (San Diego). *who*.
- if *your* visiting . . . (San Diego Calendar). *you're*.

SPELLING:

- Barclay's* Bank (San Diego Business). No apostrophe: *Barclays*.
- Bateman Eichler Hill Richards* (Orange County Business). Note comma: *Bateman Eichler, Hill Richards*.
- Karl Karcher* (Ventura County). *Carl*.
- [actress] *Dierdre* West (Orange County Calendar). *Deirdre*.
- [novelist] *Theodore Drieser* (Orange County). *Dreiser*.
- [candidate] *Irine* F. Allert (Metro). *Irene*.
- Kettlemen* City (Ventura County). *Kettleman*.
- [CSU trustee] *Marianthi Lansdale* (Metro). *Lansdale*.
- Ralph Nadar* (Ventura County Life). *Nader*.
- Neiman-Marcus* (Valley View). No longer hyphenated: *Neiman Marcus*.
- Musick, Peler & Garrett* [law firm] (San Diego). *Peeler*.
- Corinne A. *Seed* University Elementary School (Westside). *Seeds*.
- Stughton*, Mass. (Orange County Life). *Stoughton*.
- Oxnard Mayor Nao *Takusugi* (Ventura County). *Takasugi*.

- audio tape* (Metro). One word: *audiotape*.
- brand new* (Metro, Orange County Life). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
- cancelled* (San Gabriel). *anceled*.
- chit-chat* (Metro). One word: *chitchat*.
- choir boy* (San Diego Calendar). *choirboy*.
- clean-shaven* (Metro). *cleanshaven*.
- water over the *damn* (Orange County). *dam*.
- dream-like* (Orange County Life). One word: *dreamlike*.
- drop-outs* (Metro). *dropouts*.
- drum beat* (Orange County Calendar). *drumbeat*.
- gun shy* (Metro). Hyphenate: *gun-shy*.
- hard pressed* (Orange County Calendar). *hard-pressed*.
- jam-packed* (Metro). One word: *jampacked*.
- long-standing* loopholes (Metro). *longstanding*.
- middle men* (Orange County). *middlemen*.
- mis en scene* [the French phrase] (Orange County Life). *mise*.
- an *off-lease* dog (Metro). *off-leash*.
- soft-peddles* (Metro). *soft-pedals*.
- swim suits* (Metro). One word: *swimsuits*.
- video tape* (Orange County). *videotape*.
- water spout* (Metro). *waterspout*.
- world beater* (Orange County Calendar). *worldbeater*.

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Style & Usage Report

March 28, 1990

This report covers the period from March 18 through March 22.

FACTS:

- Rep. Ronald Dellums (D-Oakland) (Metro). *Berkeley*.
- state *Division of Labor Standards* (Orange County). It's the *Division of Labor Standards Enforcement*.
- [Ventura] Deputy Mayor *John Villeneuve* (Ventura County). *Donald*.
- Mexican American Legal Defense and *Education* Fund (Orange County). *Educational*.
- County Executive Officer* Larry Monteith (Westside). He isn't executive officer of the county; he's *executive officer of the County Board of Supervisors*.
- Senior *Labor Deputy* Phil Galvez (Orange County, Metro). *Senior Deputy Labor Commissioner*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- none of the . . . applicants *is* (San Diego). *are*.
- [the school] *is comprised of* . . . (Metro). Either *comprises* or *is composed of*.
- British *consulate* (Orange County Calendar). Capitalize: *Consulate*.
- St. Patrick's *day* (Ventura County). Capitalize: *Day*.
- Hispanic* stereotypes (Ventura County Life). *Latino*.
- convincing* them to cooperate (Metro). *persuading*.
- an episode of *the Waltons* (Ventura County). "*The Waltons*."
- forbid* [them] *from doing* . . . (Metro). *to do*.
- the safety of their fans *were* at risk (Metro). *was*.

SPELLING:

- the *Derek* Room (Ventura County Life). *Derrick*.
- Ecalus* [in "Romeo and Juliet"] (Orange County Calendar). *Escalus*.
- "Francisco da Rimini" [ballet] (Orange County Calendar). *Francesca*.
- Pierce Arrow* [auto] (Metro). Hyphenate: *Pierce-Arrow*.
- Ralph's* [supermarket] (South Bay). No apostrophe: *Ralphs*.
- San Souci* Cocktail Lounge (Ventura County Life). *Sans*.
- William *Sloan* Coffin (Ventura County). *Sloane*.
- South East* Municipal Court (Metro). One word: *Southeast*.
- Ukranian* (Orange County). *Ukrainian*.

- audio tape* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *audiotape*.
- bird watchers* (Orange County, Metro). Hyphenate: *bird-watchers*.
- blue chip* productions (San Diego Calendar). Hyphenate: *blue-chip*.
- brush work* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *brushwork*.
- buzz word* (Valley, Ventura Regional Business). *buzzword*.
- chicken pox* (Long Beach). *chickenpox*.
- church-goers* (Metro). *churchgoers*.
- criss-crossing* (Metro). *crisscrossing*.
- ditch-digger* (Metro). *ditchdigger*.
- doll house* (Orange County). *dollhouse*.
- he *double checks* (San Gabriel Valley). Hyphenate: *double-checks*.
- first-hand* (Metro). One word: *firsthand*.
- golandrinas* [swallows] (Orange County). *golondrinas*.
- leap-frog* (Metro). One word: *leapfrog*.
- life style* (Metro, San Diego). *lifestyle*.
- long-standing* dispute (Ventura County). *longstanding*.
- long-time* partner (San Diego Calendar). *longtime*.
- mementoes* (Orange County). *mementos*.
- millenium* (Orange County Business). *millennium*.
- packing house* (Metro). One word: *packinghouse*.
- rose bushes* (Westside, Metro). *rosebushes*.
- san pareil* [French for *without equal*] (Metro). *sans pareil*.
- self esteem* (Metro). Hyphenate: *self-esteem*.
- sick-out* (Metro). One word: *sickout*.
- sizeable* (Westside). *sizable*.
- stone mason* (Metro). One word: *stonemason*.

Style & Usage Report

April 4, 1990

This report covers the period from March 22 through March 28.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

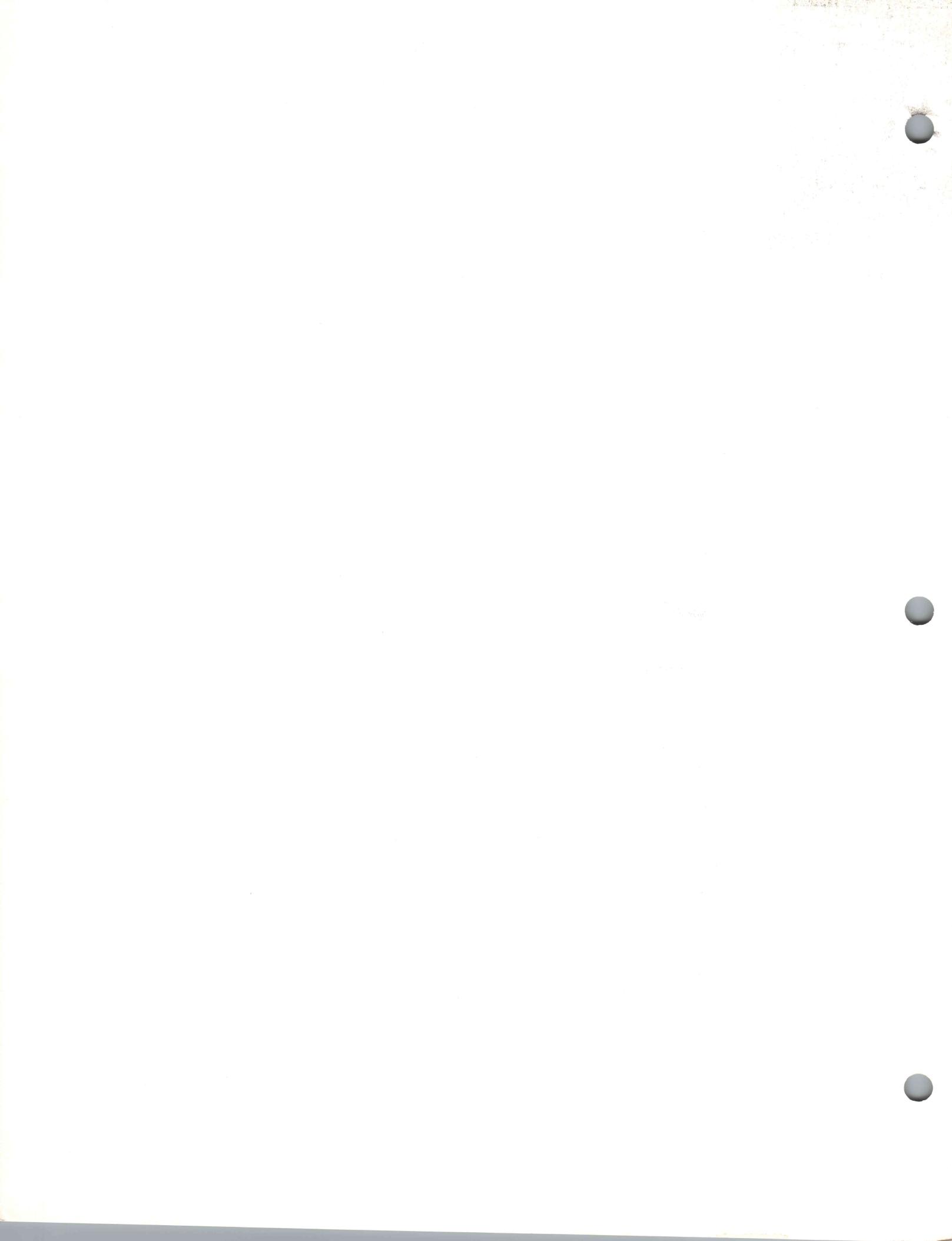
- the graffiti . . . is . . . (Metro). *are*.
- *county* Board of Supervisors (Metro). Capitalize: *County*.
- one *criteria* (Orange County Life). *criterion*.
- Atty. Gen. *Richard* Thornburgh (Metro). *Dick*.
- *the Rev.* Larry Bird [a priest] (Orange County). *Father*. (Twice in this period.)
- the *free world* (Orange County). Capitalize: *Free World*.
- *it's* new truck (San Diego). No apostrophe: *its*.
- *mace* [tear gas spray] (Orange County). Capitalize: *Mace*.
- Mother Teresa *Pleas* for Life of Harris . . . (Metro). *Pleads*.
- isolated *still-lives* (San Diego Calendar). *still lifes*.
- none of [them] *was* injured (Ventura County). *were*.

SPELLING:

- April *Fool's* Day (San Diego Calendar). *Fools'*.
- his *Bel Air* home (Orange County Life). Hyphenate: *Bel-Air*.
- [UMTA administrator] *Bryan Clymner* (Metro). *Brian Clymer*.
- [Ventura] Councilman Todd *Collard* (Ventura County). *Collart*.
- *Derrick* Marten Development Co. (Ventura County). *Darrik*.
- *Englebert Humperdink* (Orange County Life). *Engelbert Humperdinck*.
- *La Canada-Flintridge* (Valley). No hyphen: *La Canada Flintridge*.
- Gabriel Garcia *Maarquez* (Orange County Calendar). *Marquez*.
- Pablo *Newuda* (Orange County Calendar). *Neruda*.
- *Rottweiler* . . . dogs (Metro). *Rottweiler*.

- *accidently* (San Diego). *accidentally*.
- *attendence* (Metro). *attendance*.
- *bird watchers* (Metro). Hyphenate: *bird-watchers*.
- *brand new* (South Bay). *brand-new*.
- *bruskly* (Orange County). *brusquely*.
- *cancelled* (Orange County). *canceled*.
- *chicken pox* (San Diego). One word: *chickenpox*.
- *chlorofluorocarbons* (Orange County). *chlorofluorocarbons*.
- *flower pot* (Metro). One word: *flowerpot*.
- little *follow through* (San Diego Calendar). Hyphenate: *follow-through*.
- *free-basing* (Metro). One word: *freebasing*.
- *freebee* (Orange County). *freebie*.
- at a *fund raiser* (Metro). Hyphenate: *fund-raiser*.
- *half-sister . . . half-brother* (Metro). No hyphens: *half sister . . . half brother*.
- *head-first* (Orange County). One word: *headfirst*.
- *land masses* (Metro). *landmasses*.
- *lifespan* (Metro). Two words: *life span*.
- *long-time* home (Orange County). One word: *longtime*.
- *maco* [a shark] (Ventura County). *mako*.
- *mile posts* (Orange County). One word: *mileposts*.
- would *secret* himself (Orange County). *secrete*.
- Japanese *soji* screens (Orange County Life). *shoji*.
- *side-effects* (Metro). No hyphen: *side effects*.
- *snake bites* (San Diego). One word: *snakebites*.
- *space-walking* (Metro). *spacewalking*.
- *spot checks* (Ventura County). Hyphenate: *spot-checks*.
- *spray painting* (Metro). *spray-painting*.
- *sugar-coated* (Valley). One word: *sugarcoated*.
- *work station* (San Diego). *workstation*.

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Style & Usage Report

May 27, 1990

This report covers the period from May 16 through May 21.

FACTS:

—Veteran's Memorial Hospital (Westside). *Veterans Administration Medical Center*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

—none of [them] *has* been . . . (Metro, San Diego). *have*.
—*it's* own budget (San Diego). No apostrophe: *its*.
—*convinced* [him] to take . . . (San Diego Calendar). *persuaded*.
—*south-central* Los Angeles (Orange County Calendar). Capitalize: *South-Central*.
—State Department of Education (Glendale). Lowercase: *state*.
—vitamin A . . . vitamin E (Ventura County Life). Capitalize: *Vitamin*.

SPELLING:

—Admiralty Way (Westside). *Admiralty*.
—Hyatt Regency *Alicate* (Orange County Business). *Alicante*.
—*Bronsilaw* Kaper Award (Orange County Calendar). *Bronislaw*.
—*Copely* Symphony Hall (San Diego Calendar). *Copley*.
—Deputy Dist. Atty. *Elliott* E. Alhadeff (Metro). *Elliott*.
—*Escherichia* coli bacteria (Metro). *Escherichia*.
—as a *G.I.* (Ventura County Life). No periods: *GI*.
—Che *Guevarra* (Orange County Calendar). *Guevara*.
—*Happague*, N.Y. (Ventura County). *Hauppauge*.
—*Hetch-Hetchy* power sales (Metro). No hyphen: *Hetch Hetchy*.
—*Hodgkins* disease (San Diego). Note apostrophe: *Hodgkin's*.
—U.S. District Judge Mariana R. *Pfälzer* (Orange County). *Pfaelzer*.
—*Times-Mirror* Square (Metro). No hyphen: *Times Mirror*.
—*Zip* code (Ventura County Life). All capitals: *ZIP*.

—*barber shop* (Long Beach). One word: *barbershop*.
—*camp fire* (Orange County Life). *campfire*.
—*conservency* (Ventura County). *conservancy*.
—*death bed* (Metro). One word: *deathbed*.
—*drought resistant* (Orange County). Hyphenate: *drought-resistant*.
—*easy-going* (North County Focus). One word: *easygoing*.
—moved *further* south (Orange County). *farther*.
—*gang-bangers* (Metro). *gangbangers*.
—*half-brother . . . half-sister* (Metro). No hyphen: *half brother . . . half sister*.
—*hell-bent* (Orange County Calendar). One word: *hellbent*.
—*hell hole* (Westside). *hellhole*.
—*jelly beans* (North County Focus). *jellybeans*.
—*lap-top* computers (San Diego). *laptop*.
—*long-standing* complaints (Metro, Ventura County). *longstanding*.
—*long-time* leader (Ventura County, Westside). *longtime*.
—*meilleure* oeuvrier [French] (San Diego). *meilleur*.
—*milk shakes* (Valley View). One word: *milkshakes*.
—*over-reaction* (San Diego). *overreaction*.
—*race horse* (Ventura County Life). *racehorse*.
—*resistence* (Westside). *resistance*.
—*semi-automatic* (San Diego). One word: *semiautomatic*.
—*shiitaki* (San Diego). *shittake*.
—*step-children* (Orange County). One word: *stepchildren*.
—the *think-tank* (Metro). No hyphen: *think tank*.
—*unbelievable* (Metro). *unbelievable*.
—*wide open* (San Diego). Hyphenate: *wide-open*.
—*work week* (San Diego). One word: *workweek*.

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Style & Usage Report

May 31, 1990

This report covers the period from May 22 through May 24.

FACTS:

- U.S. 9th Circuit Court of *Appeal* (Metro). *Appeals*.
- California Assn. of School Administrators (Metro). *Assn. of California School Administrators*.
- the *large island* of Hawaii (North County Focus). It's known as the *Big Island*.
- Israeli Consulate General Ran Ronen (Metro). *Consul*.
- State Contractors License Board (Orange County). *Contractors' State*.
- Mexican American Legal Defense and *Education* Fund (Orange County). *Educational*.
- Rep. Roy J. Rowland (Ventura County). *J. Roy*.
- Sen. Becky Morgan (R-Los Altos). (Metro). *Los Altos Hills*.
- California State Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo. (San Diego). *Polytechnic State*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

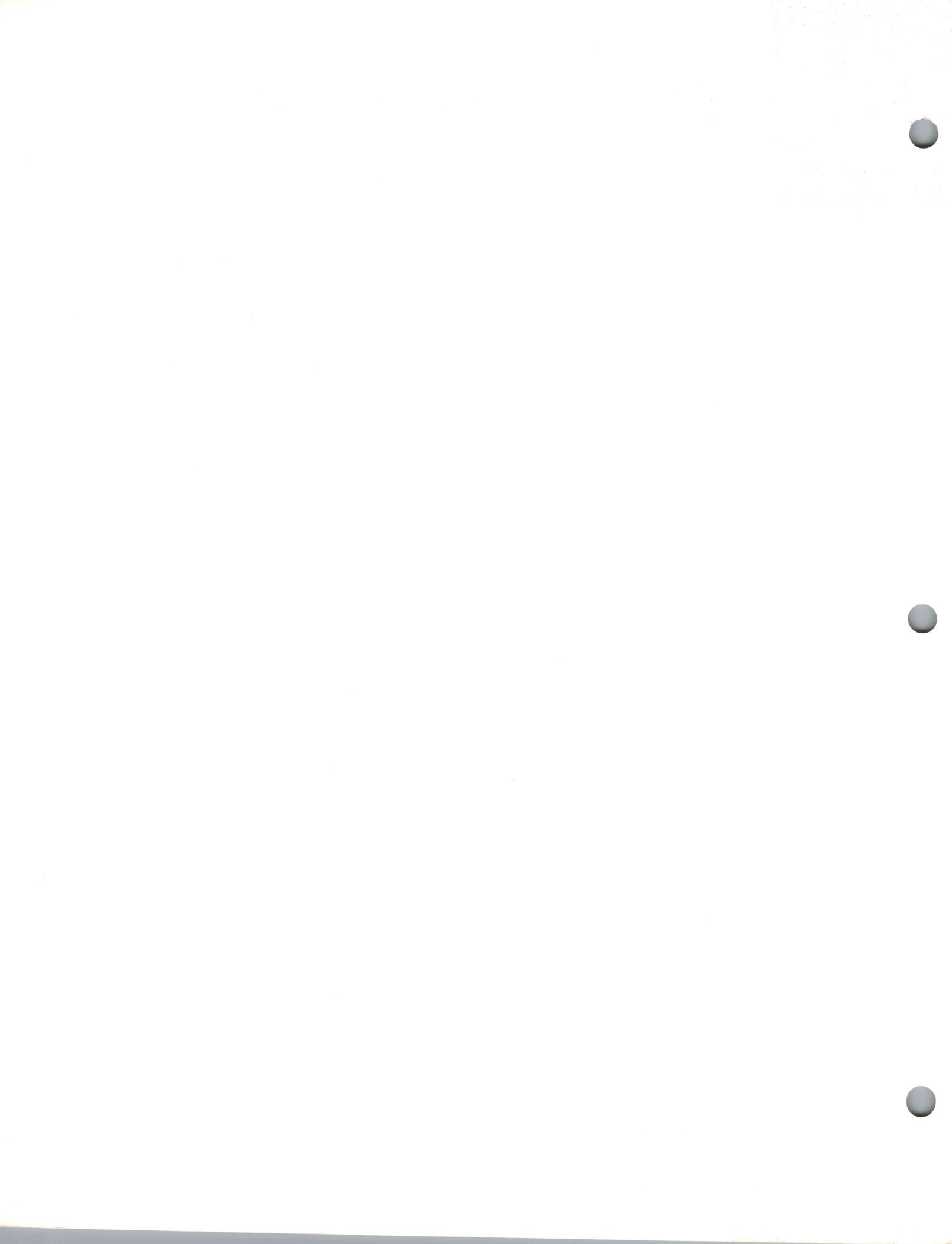
- it was *like* she was . . . (Metro). *as if*.
- he *presently* has no office space (Orange County Business). *now or at present*.
- [she] was diagnosed with . . . (Metro). *her condition was diagnosed as . . .*
- the Mexican *consulate* (San Diego). Capitalize: *Consulate*.
- county* Board of Supervisors (San Diego). *County*.
- Defense Secretary *Richard* Cheney (San Diego). *Dick*.
- Atty. Gen. *Richard* Thornburgh (Metro). *Dick*.
- secretary of the *interior* (Ventura County Life). Capitalize: *Interior*.
- Nick Patsouras (Valley). *Nikolas*.
- bruises and *abrasions* (Orange County). *scrapes*.
- state* Allocation Board (Metro). Capitalize: *State*.
- state* Lands Commission (Metro). *State*.
- your honor* [to a judge] (San Diego). *Your Honor*.

SPELLING:

- Bear Stearns & Co. (Orange County Business). Note comma: *Bear, Stearns*.
- Glendale Mayor Ginger Brimberg (Valley). *Bremberg*.
- Parker Hannifan [Corp.]. (Orange County Business Pulse). *Hannifin*.
- [Jerusalem Mayor] Teddy Kolleck (Metro). *Kollek*.
- Keystone Cops (San Diego). *Kops*.
- a pair of *Levis* (Orange County Calendar). Note apostrophe: *Levi's*.
- Ukrainian (Metro). *Ukrainian*.
- Homeless *Writer's* Coalition (Metro). No apostrophe: *Writers*.

- blood-stained (San Diego). One word: *bloodstained*.
- blewey—he's dead (Metro). *blooey*.
- brand new (Orange County). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
- car washes (San Diego). One word: *carwashes*.
- cole slaw (North County Focus). *coleslaw*.
- fire resistant (Valley View). Hyphenate: *fire-resistant*.
- give and take (Orange County Calendar). *give-and-take*.
- good will (San Diego). *goodwill*.
- the great-horned owl (Orange County). No hyphen: *great horned*.
- half-sister (Metro). No hyphen: *half sister*.
- long-standing relationship (Orange County Calendar). One word: *longstanding*.
- mish-mash (Valley). *mishmash*.
- night-time (San Diego). *nighttime*.
- part way (Metro). *partway*.
- wracked with fever (San Diego). *racked*.
- rag-tag (Valley View). One word: *ragtag*.
- have free reign (Ventura County). *rein*.
- veal scallopine (North County Focus). *scaloppine*.
- thunder claps (Orange County Life). One word: *thunderclaps*.
- work weeks (Orange County Business Pulse). *workweeks*.
- zig-zag (San Diego). *zigzag*.

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Style & Usage Report

June 5, 1990

This report covers the period from May 25 through May 31.

FACTS:

—the Department of Interior (Ventura County). It's *the Interior*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

—looked *like* it came . . . (Metro). *as if*.
—the Los Angeles *basin* (Metro). Capitalize: *Basin*.
—*county* Board of Supervisors (San Diego). Capitalize: *County*.
—a U.S. *District Court* judge (Metro). *district judge*.
—*gold rush* days (Metro). Capitalize: *Gold Rush*.
—there was ample *precedence* for (Metro). *precedent*.
—to *staunch* the flow of blood (Metro). *Stanch* is the verb, *staunch* the adjective.

SPELLING:

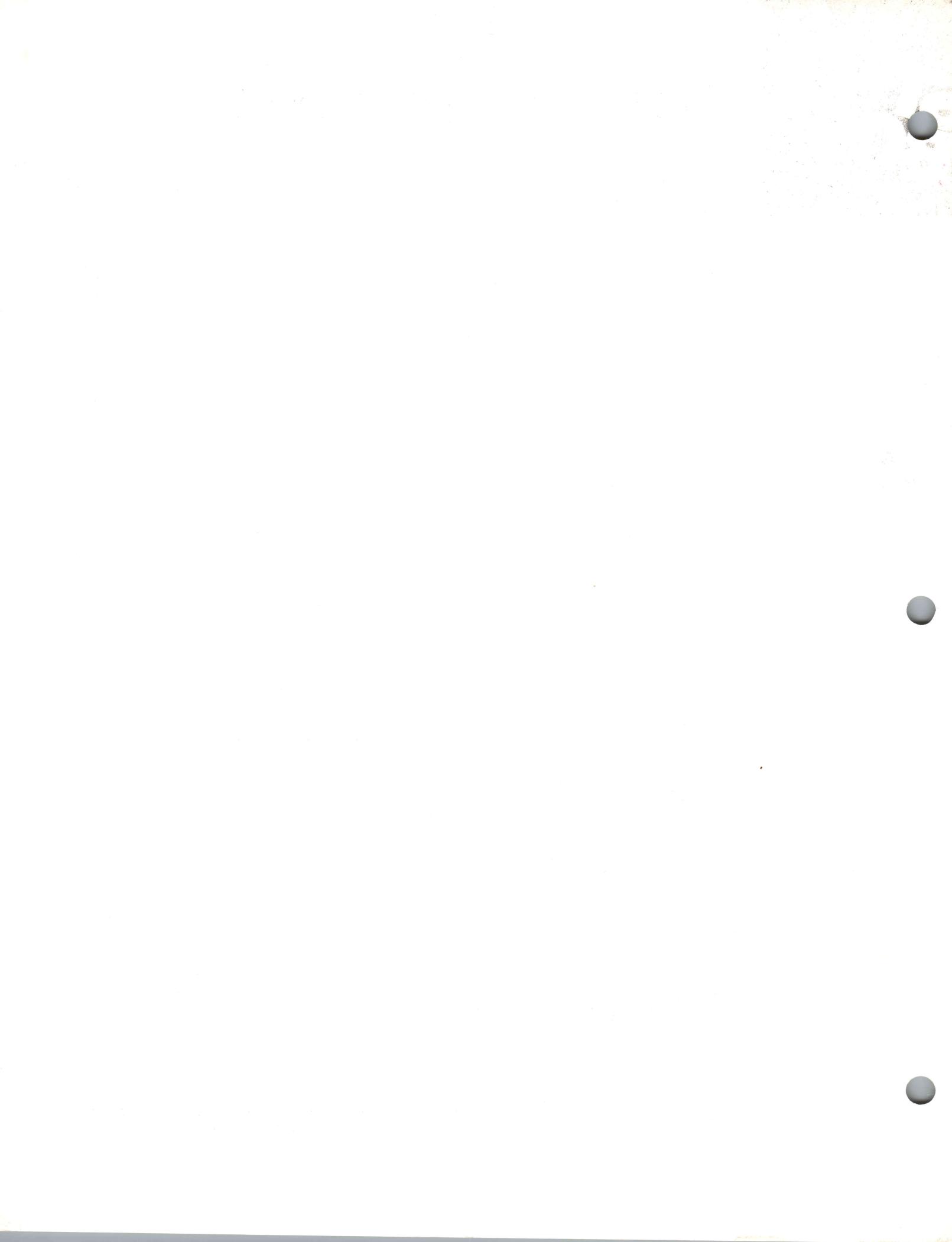
—Edgar *Allen* Poe (San Diego Calendar). *Allan*.
—UCLA's *Corrine* Seeds . . . school (Westside). *Corinne*.
—*Cota* de Caza (Orange County Life). *Coto*.
—*Goldman* Sachs & Co. (San Diego). Note comma: *Goldman, Sachs*.
—[state] Treasurer Thomas W. *Hiltachk* (Metro). *Hayes*.
—[Malaysian Prime Minister] Mahathir *Mohamad* (Metro). *Mohammed*.
—[former] Navy Secretary Paul *Nitzi* (Orange County). *Nitze*.
—*Shappell* Industries (Valley). *Shapell*.
—*upstate* New York (San Diego Calendar). Capitalize: *Upstate*.

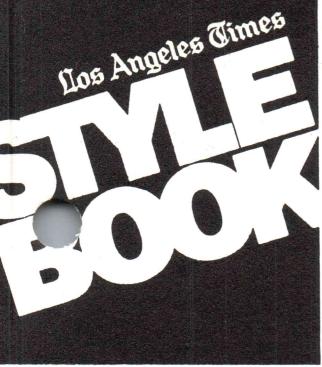
—*accidentally* (Orange County Life). *accidentally*.
—*air play* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *airplay*.
—*al fresco* (Valley Calendar). *alfresco*.
—*blood-stained* (Metro). *bloodstained*.
—*brand new* (San Gabriel). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
—*cole slaw* (San Diego). One word: *coleslaw*.
—*complementary* wine . . . with each room (Ventura County). *complimentary*.
—to learn . . . *first-hand* (Metro). *firsthand*.
—*gang banger* (Metro). *gangbanger*.
—*good-bye* (North County Focus). *goodby*.
—*half-sister* (Metro). No hyphen: *half sister*.
—a *homogenous* group (Orange County). *homogeneous*.
—*horsey* (Metro). *horsy*.
—*hour-long* (Metro). One word: *hourlong*.
—*light-hearted* (Ventura County). *lighthearted*.
—*long-haired* (Orange County Calendar). *longhaired*.
—a *long-standing* complaint (Metro). *longstanding*.
—*month-long* (San Diego Calendar). *monthlong*.
—*office-holders* (Westside). *officeholders*.
—wracked with infection (Metro). *racked*.
—*recycleable* (Glendale). *recyclable*.
—the *rundown* . . . house (Metro). Hyphenate: *run-down*.
—*second-hand* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *secondhand*.
—severly (Orange County). *severely*.
—*short-sighted* (San Diego). One word: *shortsighted*.
—*sun bathing* (Orange County). *sunbathing*.
—*world renowned* (Metro). *world-renowned*.

FYI:

—We are reminded by the legal department not to use the trademark *Technicolor* except when referring to products of Technicolor Inc. In particular, we should beware of the word's creeping in as a colorful adjective.

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Style & Usage Report

July 3, 1990

This report covers the period from June 20 through June 19.

FACTS:

- Mexican American Legal Defense and *Education* Fund (Orange County). *Educational*.
- Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's International Union* (San Diego). *International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union*.
- Sheriff* Department (San Diego). *Sheriff's*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- trout is the most popular target (San Diego). *are*.
- this *criteria* (Orange County). *criterion*.
- Legionnaire's* disease (Metro). Lowercase: *legionnaire's*.
- a *Times'* inquiry (San Diego Calendar). No apostrophe: *Times*.
- . . . *whom* he believed were . . . (Metro). *who*.

SPELLING:

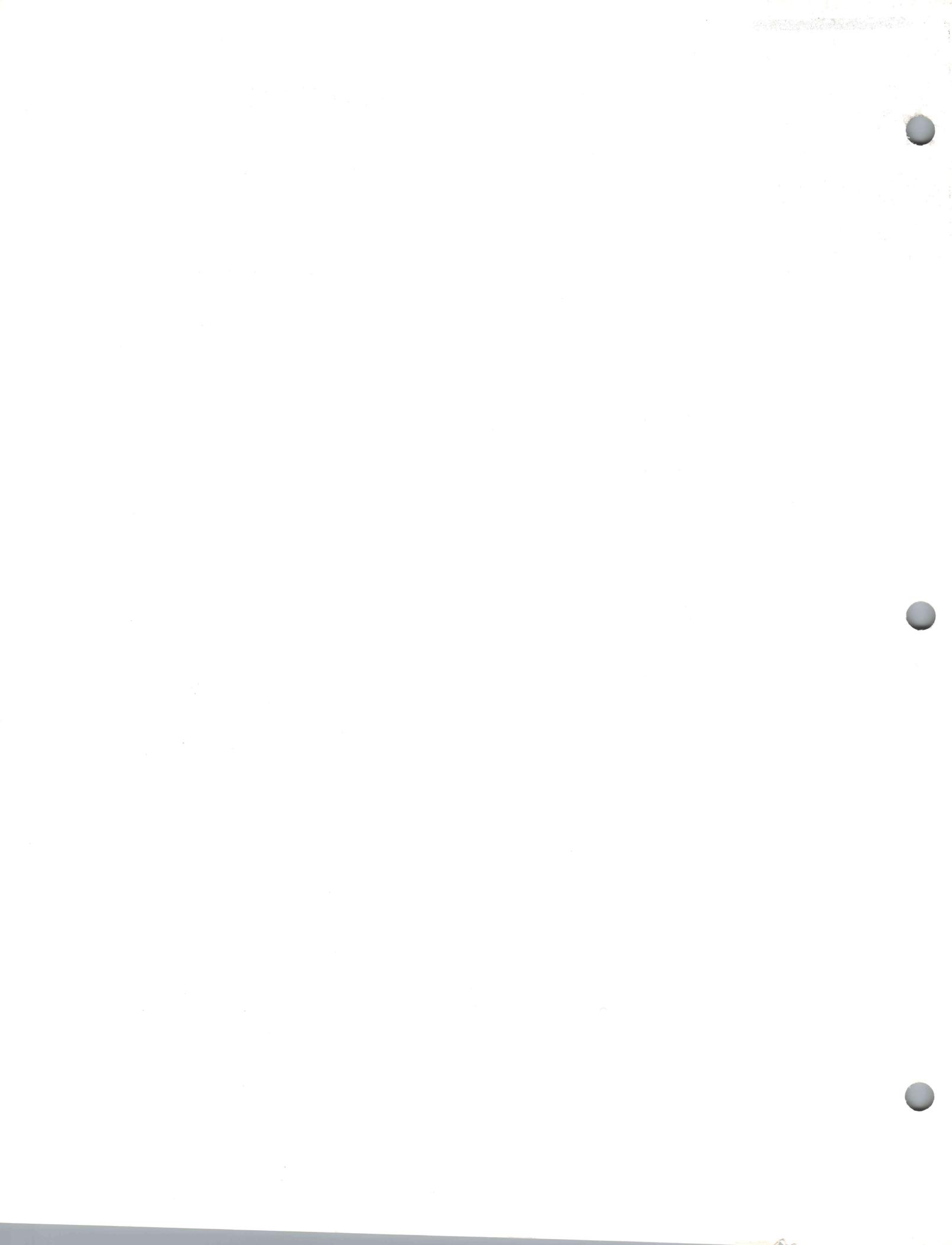
- brie* [cheese] (Orange County Life). Capitalize: *Brie*.
- chihuahua* (San Diego Calendar). Capitalize: *Chihuahua*.
- Central-American* (Metro). No hyphen: *Central American*.
- Dayton-Hudson* Corp. (Ventura County). *Dayton Hudson*.
- Hoffman LaRoche* [drug firm] (Metro). *Hoffmann-La Roche*.
- “*Marat Sade*” [the play] (Metro). Note slash: “*Marat/Sade*.”
- Le Petite Gourmet* [restaurant] (Orange County Life). *Petit*.
- John *Phillip* Sousa (South Bay). *Philip*.
- Prudential Bache* Securities (Metro). Hyphenate: *Prudential-Bache*.
- Puerta* Vallarta (Metro). *Puerto*.
- Rosemond* (Valley View). *Rosamond*.
- [actress] *Teresa Saldana* (Metro). *Theresa*.
- Seyfarth Shaw Fairweather & Geraldson* [law firm] (Metro). Note commas: *Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson*.
- “Son of the *Sheik*” (Westside). *Sheik*.
- [Seal Beach] Mayor *Victory Grgas* (Orange County). *Victor*.
- Justice Howard *Weiner* (San Diego). *Wiener*.

- accidentally* (Metro). *accidentally*.
- anti-social* (Metro). One word: *antisocial*.
- arch-conservative* (Metro). *archconservative*.
- band leaders* (San Diego Calendar). *bandleaders*.
- body builders* (Metro). *bodybuilders*.
- fire trucks* (San Diego). *firetrucks*.
- flower pots* (Orange County). *flowerpots*.
- half-brother . . . half-sisters* (Metro). Two words: *half brother . . . half sisters*.
- improvements* (Metro). *improvements*.
- jewlery* (Orange County). *jewelry*.
- long-standing* laws (Metro). One word: *longstanding*.
- pallette* of colors (Orange County). *palette*.
- profiterolles* [pastry] (San Diego View). *profiteroles*.
- soft-hearted* (Metro). One word: *softhearted*.
- tea rooms* (North County Focus). *tearooms*.
- weight lifter . . . weight-lifting* (Orange County). *weightlifter . . . weightlifting*.
- wild and wooly* (Metro). *woolly*.
- wracked* (Metro). *racked*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- substituting* the Long Beach animals with those from . . . (South Bay). You don't substitute something *with* something. Make it: *replacing*.

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Style & Usage Report

July 27, 1990

This report covers the period from July 19 through July 23.

FACTS:

—Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-*Long Beach*) (Orange County). *Lomita*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

—Rep. Ron Packard (R-*Oceanside*) (San Diego). *Carlsbad*.
—a trust *comprised of* . . . (San Diego). *composed of* or *comprising*.
—*county* Board of Supervisors (Metro, Westside). Capitalize: *County*.
—goes *further* into downtown (Metro). *farther*.
—*the Rev.* Edward Malloy [a priest] (San Diego). *Father*.
—a Wyoming plant and a Utah plant, neither of which *have* . . . (Orange County). *has*.
—the city's efforts . . . *has* not . . . (Valley). *have*.
—*lyme* disease (Metr). Capitalize: *Lyme*.
—the . . . family *own* (Orange County Business). *owns*.
—forbid them *from recruiting* (Westside Sports). *to recruit*.
—neither the officer nor his passenger . . . *were* (San Diego). *was*.

SPELLING:

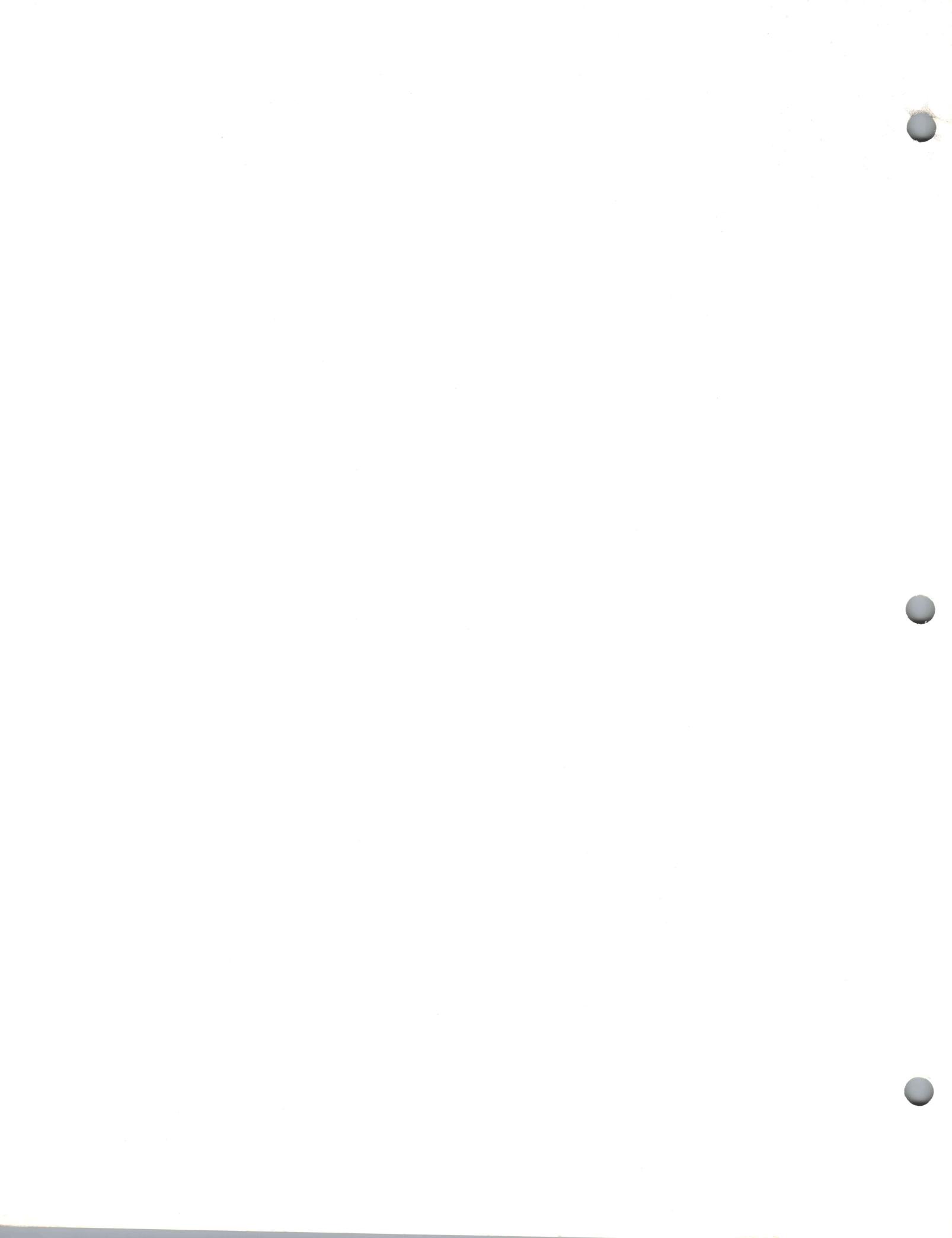
—Baxter *Bently* [laboratories] (Metro). *Bentley*.
—*Builder's* Emporium (Ventura County). No apostrophe: *Builders*.
—*karposi's* sarcoma (Orange County Calendar). *Kaposi's*.
—Mary *Magdelene* (San Diego Calendar). *Magdalene*.
—Ft. *Schlocum*, N.Y. (Valley). *Slocum*.
—Superior Court Judge David P. *Yaffee* (Metro). *Yaffe*.

—*accidentally* (San Diego). *accidentally*.
—*aluminium* (Metro). *aluminum*.
—*ankle deep* (San Gabriel). Hyphenate: *ankle-deep*.
—*back-biting* (Metro). One word: *backbiting*.
—*brand new* (Orange County Calendar, Metro). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
—*cab-driver* (Orange County View). One word: *cabdriver*.
—*church-going* (Metro). *churchgoing*.
—*clean-shaven* (San Diego). *cleanshaven*.
—*gall bladder* (Metro). *gallbladder*.
—*kilowatt hour* (San Diego). Hyphenate: *kilowatt-hour*.
—hit by *lightening* (Metro). *lightning*.
—a *long-standing* war (Orange County). One word: *longstanding*.
—*ocean-front* (South Bay). *oceanfront*.
—*pawn shops* (Metro). *pawnshops*.
—*play-acted* (San Diego). *playacted*.
—*proof-reading* (San Diego). *proofreading*.
—*premiere* . . . *supplier* (Orange County Business). *premier*.
—a *raveup* (Orange County Calendar). Hyphenate: *rave-up*.
—*school teacher* (Valley). One word: *schoolteacher*.
—*snow-capped* (Metro). *snowcapped*.
—*stoicly* (Valley Calendar). *stoically*.
—*unforgiveable* (Metro). *unforgivable*.
—*zig-zags* (Orange County). One word: *zigzags*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

—acclimated to the desert *fauna* (Metro). *flora*. The picture for which this phrase was part of the caption showed two women among desert plants, not animals.
—*the scion* of a wealthy Indiana family, *Baker's past* . . . (Orange County). A dangler: *Baker*, not his *past*, was the *scion*.

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Style & Usage Report

August 20, 1990

This report covers the period from Aug. 9 through Aug. 15.

FACTS:

- Bridalveil Falls (Metro). Oddly enough, it's *Fall*.
- Scripps Institute of Oceanography (Metro). *Institution*.
- American Friends Services Committee (Orange County). *Service*.
- Carnegie Mellon Institute (Orange County Calendar). *University*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- everyone who . . . spends* their days (Metro). *all those who . . . spend*.
- looking like* she wanted to . . . (Valley). *as if*.
- the Rev.* Dennis . . . [a Roman Catholic priest] (Metro). *Father*.
- an aberration from* a history of . . . (South Bay). *in*.
- jetté* [a ballet movement] (Metro). *jeté*.
- he despairs about* surviving (Metro). *of*.
- a couple coats* of paint (Orange County Home Design). *couple of coats*.
- a missing-person's* report (Orange County). No apostrophe: *person* or *persons*.
- convinced* a committee to vote (San Diego). *persuaded*.
- someone spit* on a patrolman (South Bay). *spat*.
- triangular-shaped* (Metro). *triangle-shaped* or just *triangular*.
- the man who* he picked up (San Diego). *whom*.

SPELLING:

- Kareem Abdul Jabbar (Orange County View). Hyphenate: *Abdul-Jabbar*.
- ex-Mexican President Luis Alvarez Echeverrea (Orange County Home Design). *Echeverria Alvarez*.
- Edmund, Okla. (San Diego). *Edmond*.
- [Orange County Judge] Ragnar Engebretson (Orange County). *Engebretsen*.
- U.S. District Judge Richard Gadboy (Orange County Business). *Gadbois*.
- Marshall Matt Dillon (Metro). *Marshal*.
- Anthony Passamante [Huntington Beach candidate] (Orange County). *Passannante*.
- Persied (Ventura County Life). *Perseid*.
- Proctor & Gamble (Metro). *Procter*.
- the Ruben E. Lee [restaurant] (Southeast). *Reuben*.
- [former astronaut] Alan Shephard (Orange County). *Shepard*.
- [musician] Thelonius Monk (Valley). *Thelonious*.

- couldn't get *a hold* of anybody (San Gabriel). One word: *ahold*.
- audio cassette (Ventura County). *audiocassette*.
- back-breaking (San Diego Calendar). *backbreaking*.
- biodegradeable (Metro). *biodegradable*.
- a cease and desist letter (Ventura County). Hyphenate: *cease-and-desist*.
- choke cherries (Metro). One word: *chokecherries*.
- by illiciting sympathy (Orange County View). *eliciting*.
- free-wheeling (San Diego Calendar). One word: *freewheeling*.
- half-sister (Metro). Two words: *half sister*.
- Mako sharks (Metro). Lowercase: *mako*.
- mementoes (Metro). *mementos*.
- .357-magnum revolver (Valley). No hyphen: *.357 magnum*.
- the premiere university (Orange County). *premier*.
- short-sighted (San Diego). *shortsighted*.
- work day (Metro). *workday*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- only enough to *whet their whistles* (Orange County View). A mixed metaphor: It has to be either *whet their whistles* or *whet their appetites*.

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Style & Usage Report

August 29, 1990

This report covers the period from Aug. 18 through Aug. 23.

FACTS:

- Airline Pilots Assn.* (Orange County Business). In this name it's two words: *Air Line*.
- Dr. Robert Emry, associate dean of Cal State Fullerton's *communications department* (Orange County). *School of Communications*.
- [Santa Ana] City Manager David N. *Reams* (Orange County). *Ream*.
- the 144th Field Artillery, a *division* that . . . (Ventura County). There are no artillery *divisions*; make it: *unit*.
- Von Karmen St.* [Irvine] (Orange County). It's *Von Karman* and it's an *avenue*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- rarely surprised *with* some requests (Orange County). *by* or *at*.
- re-enforces* an image (Orange County). *reinforces*.
- he *systemically* isolated her (Orange County). *systematically*.
- neither Richards nor Heller . . . *were* eligible (Westside). *was*.

SPELLING:

- Addis Ababba* (Metro). *Ababa*.
- Centre Harbor* [New Hampshire] (San Diego Calendar). *Center*.
- “*Jonathon Livingston Seagull*” (Metro). *Jonathan*.
- Pear Blossom* [Calif.] (Orange County View). One word: *Pearblossom*.
- Stoney Brook* [N.Y.] (Metro). *Stony*.

- bird watching* (North County Focus). Hyphenate: *bird-watching*.
- cold-blooded* (Orange County). One word: *coldblooded*.
- HUD general *council* (Orange County). *counsel*.
- foccacia* (OC Live!). *focaccia*.
- herpatologist* (Westside). *herpetologist*.
- long-standing* disagreements (Orange County). One word: *longstanding*.
- pot-bellied* (Orange County). *potbellied*.
- wracked* by war (Metro). *racked*.
- violence *wracking* the country (San Diego). *racking*.
- school teacher* (Metro). One word: *schoolteacher*.
- see-saw* (Orange County). *seesaw*.
- stepping stone* (Valley Business). *steppingstone*.
- white collar* crime (San Diego Business). Hyphenate: *white-collar*

MISCELLANEOUS:

- a 20th-Century *Joan d'Arc* (Orange County View). Either all French, *Jeanne d'Arc*, or all English, *Joan of Arc*.

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Style & Usage Report

September 10, 1990

This report covers the period from Aug. 26 through Aug. 31.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- . . . looks like he was sent (Orange County View). *as if*.
- *Biblical* (Metro). Lowercase: *biblical*.
- *county* Board of Supervisors (Westside). Capitalize: *County*.
- his group is different than White's (Westside). *from*.
- a group of *Hispanic* [FBI] agents (San Diego). *Latino*.
- *lesser-known* performers (Valley Calendar). *less-known*.
- neither the FBI or the IRS (Orange County Business). *nor*.
- forbids judges *from participating* (Ventura County). *to participate*.
- *vitamin* C (Valley View). Capitalize: *Vitamin*.
- the apartment *was in a shambles* (Westside). *was a shambles*.
- *teen-aged* children (Metro). *teen-age*

SPELLING:

- *Actors* Equity (Glendale). Note apostrophe: *Actors'*.
- *Builder's* Emporium (Valley). No apostrophe: *Builders*.
- [former U.S. Rep.] Tony *Coehlo* (Westside). *Coehlo*.
- [San Diego's] *Lindberg* Field (Metro). *Lindbergh*.
- Lt. *Commander* Gene Okamoto (Ventura County). Abbreviate: *Cmdr*.
- *Rolls Royce* (Orange County Business). Hyphenate: *Rolls-Royce*.
- [Newport Beach] Mayor *Ruthelyn* Plummer (Orange County). *Ruthelyn*.
- [Superior Court] Judge David P. *Yafee* (Metro). *Yafee*.

- *arch-enemy* (Metro). One word: *archenemy*.
- *back-breaking* (Metro). *backbreaking*.
- *brand new* (San Gabriel, San Diego Calendar). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
- Listen, *boobala* . . . (Westside). The Yiddish word is spelled *bubeleh*.
- *bullet-proof* vests (Orange County). One word: *bulletproof*.
- *cab driver* (Orange County Calendar). *cabdriver*.
- *consul-general* (Westside). Two words: *consul general*.
- *drug stores* (Ventura County Life). One word: *drugstores*.
- *field workers* (Ventura County). *fieldworkers*.
- *flower pots* (Metro). *flowerpots*.
- *glen* plaid (Metro). *glen*.
- *half-sister* (Ventura County). Two words: *half sister*.
- *oceanside high rises* (Metro). Hyphenate: *high-rises*.
- *hot-headed* (Orange County). One word: *hotheaded*.
- *shish kabob* (Orange County View). *kebab*.
- *leap-frogging* (Orange County). One word: *leapfrogging*.
- *log book* (Metro). *logbook*.
- *life-sized* (Orange County Calendar). *life-size*.
- *nickle* (Orange County). *nickel*.
- *octogenarian* (San Diego Calendar). *octogenarian*.
- *off-shoot* (Orange County Calendar). One word: *offshoot*.
- *omelette* (Orange County View). *omelet*.
- *pawn shops* (Valley. One word: *pawnshops*.
- *pool room* (San Gabriel). *poolroom*.
- *shoe-horned* (Metro). *shoehorned*.
- *sponge cake* (Ventura County Life). *spongecake*.
- *squeaky clean* (Metro). Hyphenate: *squeaky-clean*.
- *table clothes* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *tablecloths*.
- *Tic-Tac-Toe* (San Diego). Lowercase: *tic-tac-toe*.
- *wannabes* (San Diego Calendar, Orange County Calendar). Hyphenate: *wanna-bes*.
- *whistle blower* (San Diego). *whistle-blower*.
- *work day* (Long Beach). One word: *workday*.

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Style & Usage Report

September 14, 1990

This report covers the period from Sept. 4 through Sept. 10.

FACTS:

- Julius *Caesar* . . . the Roman *emperor* (Orange County Live!). Julius Caesar was never the emperor. The first Roman emperor was Augustus, Caesar's adopted son, who became emperor after the civil war that followed Caesar's assassination.
- Mt. Palomar* (Orange County). *Palomar Mountain*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- city charter* (Ventura County Life). Capitalize: *City Charter*.
- county* Board of Supervisors (Metro). Capitalize: *County*.
- a *criteria* (Metro). *criterion*.
- payoffs* . . . *induces* informants to lie (Metro). *induce*.
- when fog *lays* heavy (North County Focus). *lies*.
- a flow of *Mercedes* (North County Focus). *Mercedeses*.
- okay* (Orange County Live!). *OK*.
- third-world* countries (Orange County View). Capitalize, no hyphen: *Third World*.
- he *wrangled* an appointment (Metro). *wangled*.
- whom* [they] believed was a car thief (San Diego). *who*.
- . . . does differ from labor on the issue (Metro). *with*.

SPELLING:

- [Carlsbad City Councilwoman] *Anne Kulchin* (North County Focus). *Ann*.
- Afro-Caribbean* (Orange County). *Caribbean*.
- [U.S.] Rep. *Estaban E. Torres* (Metro). *Esteban*.
- King *Faud* of Saudi Arabia (Orange County). *Fahd*.
- [singer] *Jeanette McDonald* (Ventura County Life). *MacDonald*.
- Martin-Marietta* (Orange County). No hyphen: *Martin Marietta*.
- Paine-Webber* (Orange County Business). No hyphen: *Paine Webber*.
- former Assemblyman *Lou Pappan* (Metro). *Papan*.
- Rolls Royce* (North County Live). Hyphenate: *Rolls-Royce*.
- Wedgewood* [ceramic ware] (Orange County Live!). *Wedgwood*.

- back pack* (Orange County View). One word: *backpack*.
- boo-hoo* (Ventura County). *boohoo*.
- chlorofluorocarbons* (Metro). *chlorofluorocarbons*.
- cole slaw* (North County Focus). One word: *coleslaw*.
- black-headed *brosbreak* (Orange County View). *grosbreak*.
- fiber optic* (Metro). Hyphenate: *fiber-optic*.
- fish bowl* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *fishbowl*.
- frou-frou* (Ventura County Life). *froufrou*.
- gall bladder* (Ventura County). *gallbladder*.
- grand-daughter* (San Diego). *granddaughter*.
- half-sister* (Metro). No hyphen: *half sister*.
- macques* [a kind of monkey] (Orange County Live!). *macaques*.
- a *month-long* engagement (San Diego Calendar). One word: *monthlong*.
- office-holders* (Ventura County Life). *officeholders*.
- pool room* (Metro). *poolroom*.
- pot bellies* (Valley). *potbellies*.
- red hot* (North County Focus). Hyphenate: *red-hot*.
- shlockmeisters* (Orange County Calendar). *schlockmeisters*.
- space ship* (North County Focus). One word: *spaceship*.
- sub-groups* (Orange County). *subgroups*.
- teenybopper* (Orange County Live!). Hyphenate: *teeny-bopper*.
- word perfect* (Orange County Live!). *word-perfect*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- At an age when most people look to retire, *54-year-old* . . . (Metro). Most people don't expect to retire until the age of 65.

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Style & Usage Report

October 30, 1990

This report covers the period from Oct. 17 through Oct. 24.

FACTS:

—*the County Jail in Las Colinas County* (San Diego). There is no Las Colinas County; Las Colinas is the name of the San Diego County Jail facilities in Santee.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

—*county* Board of Supervisors (Metro), Capitalize: *County*.
—*egads* (San Diego). The exclamation is *egad* [singular].
—*who* police described as . . . (Valley). *whom*.

SPELLING:

—[Irvine] Councilwoman Sally *Ann* Sheridan (Orange County Editorial Pages). *Anne*.
—*Cruttendon & Co.* (San Diego Business). *Cruttenden*.
—*Hieronymous* Bosch (Orange County Calendar). *Hieronymus*.
—[attorney] *Jonathon* Lehrer-Graiver (Orange County). *Jonathan*.
—*Kruggerand* coins (Metro). *Krugerrand*.
—*Mazurkas* [Polish dances] (San Diego Calendar). Lowercase: *mazurkas*.
—*Mercedes Benz* (Orange County Business). Hyphenate: *Mercedes-Benz*.
—*Neiman-Marcus* (Metro). No longer hyphenated: *Neiman Marcus*.
—Martin *Scorcese* (San Diego Calendar). *Scorsese*.
—[U.S. Sen. Steve] *Symmns* (Metro). *Symms*.
—[playwright] *Thorton* Wilder (Orange County Calendar). *Thornton*.
—[Ventura] Deputy Mayor Donald *Villanueve* (Ventura County). *Villeneuve*.

—*brand new* (North County Focus). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
—*cancelled* (San Diego Calendar). *canceled*.
—*char-broiled* (North County Focus). One word: *charbroiled*.
—*criss-crossed* (Metro). *crisscrossed*.
—*de-constructionist* (Metro). *deconstructionist*.
—*devastating* (Metro). *devastating*.
—*far-away* colleges (Orange County Business). One word: *faraway*.
—*geostationery* (Orange County Business). *geostationary*.
—*half-sister* (Metro). No hyphen: *half sister*.
—*hour-long* programs (San Diego Calendar). One word: *hourlong*.
—*imposters* (Metro). *impostors*.
—*light-hearted* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *lighthearted*.
—*long-haired* (Metro). *longhaired*.
—*purse-lipped* (San Diego Calendar). *pursed-lipped*.
—*rock slides* (Metro). One word: *rockslides*.
—*second-hand* cigarette smoke (San Diego). *secondhand*.
—*skate boarders* (North County Focus). *skateboarders*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

—*the federal* National Labor Relations Board (Orange County Business). A redundancy: Drop the *federal*.

PERSONAL NOTE:

—I want to say thank-you to all the friends and colleagues who called or sent cards during my recent stay in the hospital, also the Employees Committee, whose gift was delicious.

FRED HOLLEY

Style & Usage Report

November 27, 1990

This report covers the period from Nov. 15 through Nov. 22.

FACTS:

- Deloitte Touche* (Orange County). Note ampersand: *Deloitte & Touche*.
- Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-Redlands) (Valley). *Highland*.
- KMPG Peat Marwick* (Metro). *KPMG*.
- KPMS Peat Marwick* (Orange County Business). *KPMG*.
- [state] Chief Justice Malcolm L. Lucas (San Diego). His initial is *M*.
- [poet] *Thomas Gunn* (OC Live!). His first name is *Thomson*, but he writes under the name *Thom*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

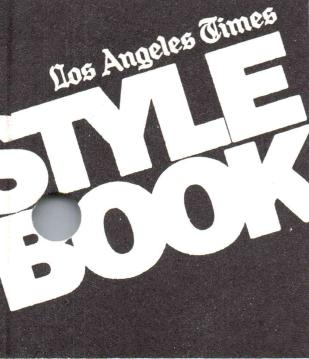
- U.S. News and World Report (Southeast). Note ampersand: &.
- Rep. William M. Thomas (Valley). *Bill*.
- city Charter* (Metro). Capitalize: *City*.
- association *comprised* of five firms (Metro). *composed of* or *comprising*.
- probably *could* have cared less (Metro). *couldn't*.
- the *Dickens'* classic (OC Live!). No apostrophe: *Dickens*.
- Eucalyptus* (Metro). Lowercase: *eucalyptus*.
- Christmas *eve* (Orange County View). Capitalize: *Eve*.
- a lament *to* Poulenc's friend Prokofiev (Orange County Calendar). *for*.
- [The Polish] *foreign ministry* (Metro). Capitalize: *Foreign Ministry*.
- [U.S.] *foreign service* (Metro). Capitalize: *Foreign Service*.
- special kudos *go to* . . . (Orange County View). *Kudos* is singular: *goes*.
- convinced* other retailers to . . . (Valley Business). *persuaded*.
- forbids employers *from firing or demoting* . . . (Orange County). *to fire or demote*.
- if Haagen sells, the city *would* . . . (Valley Business). *will*.

SPELLING:

- Achilles tendon* (Orange County). Note apostrophe: *Achilles'*.
- [museum curator] Paul *Apocada* (Orange County Calendar). Twice in two days! It's *Apodaca*.
- [Council member] *Dianne Ring* (San Gabriel). *Diann*.
- Cirque de Soleil* (Westside). *du*.
- [poet] Allen *Ginsburg* (OC Live!). *Ginsberg*.
- Guiness Book of World Records* (Orange County). *Guinness*.
- the *Radison Plaza* (OC Live!). *Radisson*.
- Sears Roebuck* (Orange County Business). Note comma: *Sears, Roebuck*.

- anti-climactic* (Orange County). One word: *anticlimactic*.
- blood-stained* (Valley). *bloodstained*.
- the [band's] current *compliment* (OC Live!). *complement*.
- firefighters* (Orange County). One word: *firefighters*.
- free-wheeling* (Westside). *freewheeling*.
- good-bye* (Orange County View). *goodby*.
- home-made* Orange County View). *homemade*.
- irresistable* (OC Live!). *irresistible*.
- light years* (OC Live!). Hyphenate: *light-years*.
- make-shift* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *makeshift*.
- meat balls* (Orange County). *meatballs*.
- noisette* (OC Live!). *noisette*.
- occurrence* (Orange County Business). *occurrence*.
- post-graduate* (Metro). One word: *postgraduate*.
- packing-house* (Metro). *packinghouse*.
- refering* (San Diego Calendar). *referring*.
- school book* (Orange County). One word: *schoolbook*.
- work week* (Metro). *workweek*.

FRED HOLLEY



Style & Usage Report

December 5, 1990

This report covers the period from Nov. 23 through Nov. 29.

FACTS:

—Dylan Thomas' *narrative poem* . . . "A Child's Christmas in Wales" (OC Live!). It isn't a poem but a *prose memoir*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

—Municipal Judge *Barbara T. Nomoto* (Orange County). *B. Tam*.
—State Sen. *Rebecca Q. Morgan* (Valley, Metro). *Becky*.
—State Sen *William Leonard* (San Gabriel). *Bill*.
—Rep. *William M. Thomas* (Valley). *Bill*.
—[entertainer] *Diahann Carroll* (Orange County). *Carroll*.
—the ponds *comprise* an important habitat (Metro). *compose* or *constitute*.
—*county* Board of Supervisors (San Diego). Capitalize: *County*.
—a *couple* cold sandwiches (Orange County). *couple of*.
—Atty. Gen. *Richard Thornburgh* (San Gabriel). *Dick*.
—almost none [of them] *does* . . . free work (Metro). *do*.
—*the Rev.* Lawrence Estrada [a priest] (San Gabriel). *Father*.
—if the grandmother, mother or sister *have had* . . . (Orange County View). *has*.
—none [of them] *has* been charged (Metro). *have*.
—a house . . . subcommittee (Orange County). Capitalize: *House*.
—a *Hispanic* male (Metro). *Latino*.
—helped *convince* him to . . . (Orange County Business). *persuade*.
—[school] *principal* [John Smith] (San Diego). Capitalize: *Principal*.
—was elected *Sheriff* (San Diego). Lowercase: *sheriff*.
—forbade [him] *from selling* (Metro). *to sell*.
—wide funding gaps . . . *was unconstitutional* (Orange County). *were*.

SPELLING:

—*Cencurion* Way [in Saugus] (Valley). *Centurion*.
—*Cruttendon* & Co. (Orange County Business). *Cruttenden*.
—*Ebeneezer* Scrooge (OC Live!). *Ebenezer*.
—*Miliken* Junior High School (Valley). *Millikan*.
—*Bristol-Meyers* (Orange County Business). *Myers*.
—*Nieman* Marcus (Orange County Business). *Neiman*.
—Encinitas City Councilwoman *Anne Olmsted* (San Diego). *Omsted*.
—the *Ritz Carlton* [Marina del Rey] (South Bay). Hyphenate: *Ritz-Carlton*.
—*Deputy Sheriff's Assn.* (San Diego). No apostrophe: *Sheriffs*.
—*Tsiblisi* (North County Focus). *Tbilisi*.

—couldn't go to work *any more* (Valley). One word: *anymore*.
—*appelate* (Orange County). *appellate*.
—*brain dead* (Orange County). Hyphenate: *brain-dead*.
—*chock full* (Metro). Hyphenate: *chock-full*.
—*coffee houses* (Metro). One word: *coffeehouses*.
—a process of *dying* grasses (San Gabriel). *dyeing*.
—*hand-written* (Metro). *handwritten*.
—*ice box* (Valley). *icebox*.
—*level-headed* (Ventura County). One word: *levelheaded*.
—*light years* (Metro, Southeast). Hyphenate: *light-years*.
—*objects d'art* (North County Focus). *objets*.
—*pig-headed* (Valley). One word: *pigheaded*.
—will *red-shirt* this season (Westside). *redshirt*.
—*school work* (San Diego). *schoolwork*.
—*sizeable* (North County Focus). *sizable*.
—*totalled* (Westside). *totaled*.
—*viscously* opposed (OC Live!). *viciously*.
—*wind sock* (Valley Business). One word: *windsock*.

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Style & Usage Report

December 10, 1990

This report covers the period from Nov. 29 through Dec. 5.

ALERT:

—*Polish concentration camps* (Long Beach, Westside, Valley). This phrase has appeared at least six times in The Times since 1974; each time the Polish American Congress has protested, quite correctly, that the concentration camps were *German*, not Polish, that Poland and its residents were victims of German invasion and that Polish survivors of the camps suffer emotional trauma when they see the phrase. If we need to locate them, say: *German concentration camps in Poland*.

FACTS:

- Dr. Zhivago . . . saw *Nora* after all those years (OC Live!). *Lara*.
- Mt. Palomar (Metro). *Palomar Mountain*.
- Rosamund Lake* (Westside). It's *Rosamond Dry Lake*.
- Rep. Wally Herger (R-Rio Oso) (Valley). *Yuba City*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

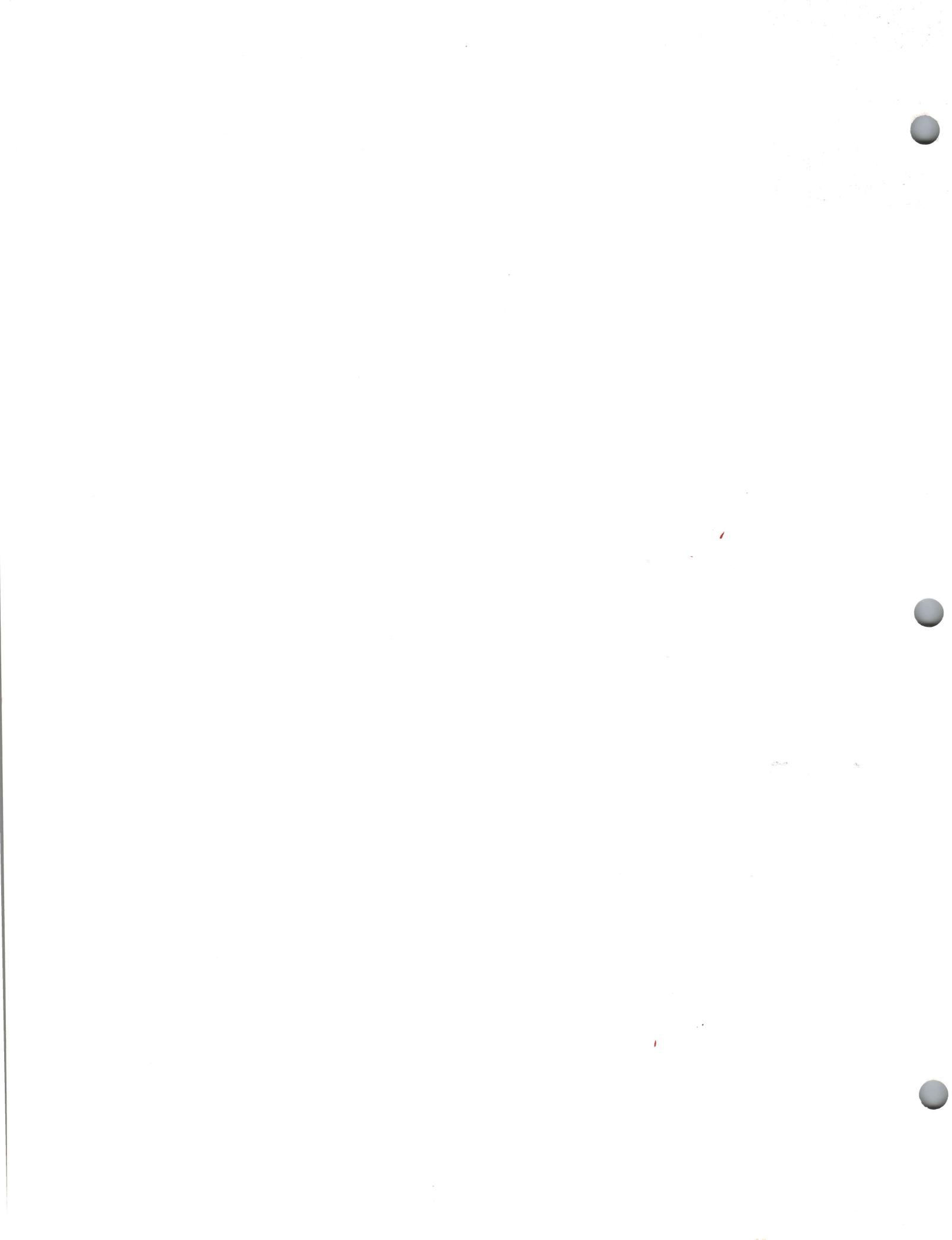
- Rep. William M. Thomas (Valley, Orange County). *Bill*.
- city Charter* (Metro). Capitalize: *City*.
- broken ribs and lacerations* (Valley). *cuts*.
- Parkinson's Disease* (Metro). Lowercase: *disease*.
- director of Food and Agriculture* (Metro). Lowercase: *food and agriculture*.
- Deputy Sheriff's Assn.* (San Diego). No apostrophe: *Sheriffs*.
- state Board of Education* (Ventura County). Capitalize: *State*.
- forbid residents from having* (Orange County). *to have*.

SPELLING:

- Anza Borrego Desert State Park* (Ventura County Life). Hyphenate: *Anza-Borrego*.
- visits to Nicaragua, Cuba and *Granada* (Metro). *Grenada*.
- “*The Great Imposter*” [a film] (Metro). *Impostor*.
- the comet *Kahoutek* (Metro, Orange County). *Kohoutek*.
- Ligget Group Inc.* (Orange County Business). *Liggett*.
- Ma Maison Sofitel* [hotel] (Metro). *Sofitel*.
- Andy *Worhol* (Metro). *Warhol*.

- ash tray* (Metro). One word: *ashtray*.
- fired for poor *attendance* (Orange County). *attendance*.
- bar-hopping* (Metro). One word: *barhopping*.
- chicken fried steak* (San Diego Calendar). Hyphenate: *chicken-fried*.
- comedien* (San Diego Calendar). *comedian* or, in this case perhaps, *comedienne*.
- gall bladder* (Metro). One word: *gallbladder*.
- hand-crafted* (South Bay). *handcrafted*.
- homogenous* San Diego (San Diego). *homogeneous*.
- begonias* or *impatients* (OC Home Design). *impatiens*.
- labor intensive* (OC Home Design). Hyphenate: *labor-intensive*.
- a long-standing* policy (Valley). One word: *longstanding*.
- marvelled* (Metro). *marveled*.
- mementoes* (Ventura County). *mementos*.
- mind set* (Metro). Hyphenate: *mind-set*.
- give it a *once over* (OC Home Design). *once-over*.
- [his] legs are *wracked* . . . (San Diego Calendar). *racked*.
- short wave* signals (Metro). One word: *shortwave*.
- shrub-like* (Ventura County Life). *shrublike*.
- speciality* stores (Orange County Business). *specialty*.
- ultra-violet* (Metro). One word: *ultraviolet*.
- wannabes* (Orange County View). Hyphenate: *wanna-bes*.
- burning *white hot* (Metro). *white-hot*.

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Style & Usage Report

December 14, 1990

With two exceptions, this report covers the period from Dec. 6 through Dec. 10.

FACTS:

- played *one of the sisters of actress Katharine Hepburn* (Metro). Joan Bennett played one of the sisters of the character portrayed by Hepburn, not of Hepburn herself.
- [“Oz” writer] Frank L. Baum (Metro). *L. Frank*.
- dual citizenship in both Italy and America (OC Calendar). *the United States*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- Bibb* lettuce (OC Live!). Lowercase: *bibb*.
- fighting *city hall* (Orange County). Capitalize: *City Hall*.
- drove his truck *eastbound* (Metro). *east*.
- [his] *fiance* (San Diego). *fiancee*.
- their *fortuitous* turns of the wheel (Orange County). *fortunate*. All turns of the wheel are fortuitous.
- continues *it's* latest revue (OC Live!). No apostrophe: *its*.
- the affluence and abundance . . . *makes* (Orange County). *make*.
- died *from* injuries (Orange County). *of*.
- enjoying the *outdoor* (Orange County). The noun is *outdoors*.
- his *reticence* to accept (Metro). *reluctance*.
- Seventh Day Adventist* (San Diego). *Seventh-day Adventist*.
- vitamin C (North County Focus). Capitalize: *Vitamin*.

SPELLING:

- “*Bei Mir Bistu Shein*” [the song] (Ventura County Life). “*Bei Mir Bist Du Schön*.”
- Bullocks* (North County Focus). Note apostrophe: *Bullock's*. But: *Bullocks Wilshire*.
- [actor] Ronald *Coleman* (Metro). *Colman*.
- “*The Conquerer*” [film] (Metro). *Conqueror*.
- [artist] Frederick Remington (Orange County View). *Frederic*.
- [Berkeley] City Clerk Marie *McKetchnie* (Metro). *McKchnie*.
- Neiman-Marcus* (Valley View). No longer hyphenated: *Neiman Marcus*.
- [Malaysia's] Mahathir *Mohamad* (Metro). *Mohammed*.
- California *Nurse's* Assn. (San Diego). No apostrophe: *Nurses*.
- Sears Roebuck* (Westside). Note comma: *Sears, Roebuck*.

- alloted* (Orange County). *allotted*.
- a *baudier* portrait (Orange County Calendar). *bawdier*.
- bird watchers* (Ventura County). Hyphenate: *bird-watchers*.
- birth rate* (Metro). One word: *birthrate*.
- blood stains* (San Diego). *bloodstains*.
- cancelled* (Orange County). *canceled*.
- case load* (San Diego). *caseload*.
- Club soda* (Southeast). Lowercase: *club*.
- dirt cheap* (Orange County Business). Hyphenate: *dirt-cheap*.
- foot race* (San Diego). One word: *footrace*.
- [they] are *foregoing* efforts to . . . (Metro). *forsaking*.
- hand-written* (Valley View). *handwritten*.
- land masses* (San Gabriel, Westside). *landmasses*.
- lunch room* (Valley View). *lunchroom*.
- [he] was *photographed* (Metro). *photographed*.
- pot holders* (Valley View). One word: *potholders*.
- semi-conscious* (San Diego). *semiconscious*.
- short cut* (Metro). *shortcut*.
- skinny dipping* (Orange County View). Hyphenate: *skinny-dipping*.
- speciality* (North County Focus). *specialty*.
- tuxedoes* (OC Live!). *tuxedos*.
- world-wide* (Metro). One word: *worldwide*.

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Style & Usage Report

December 19, 1990

This report covers the period from Dec. 10 through Dec. 14.

FACTS:

- Equal Opportunity Employment Commission* (San Diego). It's the *Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*.
- Mt. Palomar* (Orange County). *Palomar Mountain*.
- the Huntington, Va., Herald-Dispatch (Metro). The Herald-Dispatch is in Huntington, *West Virginia*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

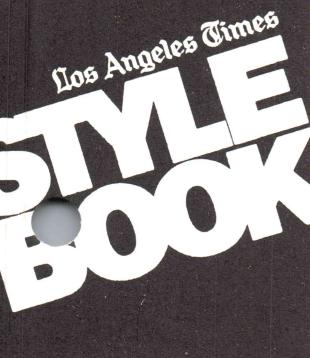
- . . . looks like she's been . . . (San Diego Calendar). *as if*.
- brand new* (Orange County). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
- county Board of Supervisors* (Orange County). Capitalize: *County*.
- a .22-caliber *Derringer* (San Diego). Lowercase: *derringer*.
- [she] was *diagnosed with hepatitis* (Ventura County). The disease is diagnosed, not the patient. Make it: *found to have*.
- Medieval* (Orange County, San Diego View). Lowercase: *medieval*.
- middle-age* singer (Metro). *middle-aged*.
- harping *about* his working (Ventura County). *on*.
- the time lag quells the *reticence* of . . . (Ventura County). *reluctance*.
- upstate* New York (OC Live). Capitalize: *Upstate*.
- the *USSR* (Metro). Note periods: *U.S.S.R.*
- each of [them] *were* handcrafted (Orange County). *was*.
- none of her children *was* . . . (Metro). *were*.

SPELLING:

- [executed Romanian leader] *Nikolae Ceaucescu* (Orange County). *Ceausescu*.
- [Louisville] *Courier Journal* (Metro). Hyphenate: *Courier-Journal*.
- Joseph Stalin* (Metro). *Josef*.
- Mercedes Benz* (Orange County Business). Hyphenate: *Mercedes-Benz*.
- the Cleveland *Plain-Dealer* (Metro). No hyphen: *Plain Dealer*.
- Prudential Bache* Securities (Orange County Business). Hyphenate: *Prudential-Bache*.
- [ex-Secretary of State] *George Schultz* (Metro). *Shultz*.
- Assemblyman *Williard* Murray (Metro). *Willard*.

- bird watching* (Valley View). Hyphenate: *bird-watching*.
- board room* (Orange County). One word: *boardroom*.
- cab driver* (San Diego). *cabdriver*.
- cancelled* (Metro). *canceled*.
- going to *double check* (Orange County). Hyphenate: *double-check*.
- county-wide* (Metro). One word: *countywide*.
- cous cous* (San Diego Calendar). *couscous*.
- focaccia* (OC Live!). *focaccia*.
- garzanias* (North County Focus). *gazanias*.
- good looking* (Westside). Hyphenate: *good-looking*.
- head first* (Metro). One word: *headfirst*.
- hour-long* (Metro). *hourlong*.
- lunch-time* (Metro). One word: *lunchtime*.
- miniscule* (Orange County). *minuscule*.
- nerve-wracking* (OC Live!). *nerve-racking*.
- ninth graders . . . sixth graders* (Metro). Hyphenate: *ninth-graders . . . sixth-graders*.
- Doberman pinchers* (Orange County View). *pinschers*.
- psycho-babble* (Metro). One word: *psychobabble*.
- space craft* (Orange County). *spacecraft*.
- speed boats* (San Diego). *speedboats*.
- sun-tanned* (Orange County). *suntanned*.
- tea pot* (Valley Business). *teapot*.
- water resistant* (Valley View). Hyphenate: *water-resistant*.

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Style & Usage Report

December 27, 1990

This report covers the period from Dec. 15 through Dec. 20.

FACTS:

- Superior Court Judge Sam Burbick (Metro). He's a *commissioner*, not a judge, and his name is *Bubrick*.
- the *National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People's Legal Defense and Educational Fund* (Metro). They are two completely independent groups though they were once one: One is the *NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund* [the abbreviation is part of the name]; the other is the *National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People* [often abbreviated to *NAACP*].
- secretary for business, transportation and housing (Metro). *of*.
- [U.S. Rep.] Glenn M. Anderson of *Harbor City* (Metro). *San Pedro*.
- Styrofoam* cups (OC Home Design). *Styrofoam* is a trademark of Dow Chemical, which does not make cups. Make it: *plastic foam*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- [he] is *bade* a cheerful goodby (Metro). *bidden*.
- five pieces that *comprise* . . . (OC Home Design). *compose*.
- the *Hernandez's* apartment (Metro). *Hernandezes'*.
- convicted *for* . . . burglary (Metro). *of*.
- the *sheriff's* department (Ventura County). Capitalize: *Sheriff's Department*.
- you *shrunk* down (Ventura County Life). *shrank*.
- State* Department of Health Services (San Diego). Lowercase: *state*.
- teen-aged* sons (Orange County View). *teen-age*.
- size* 8 . . . *size* 16 (Ventura County Life). Capitalize: *Size*.
- system-wide* (Metro). One word: *systemwide*.
- Tai Chi* (San Diego View). Lowercase: *tai chi*.
- upstate* New York (Metro). Capitalize: *Upstate*.
- whom* he said helped . . . (Metro). *who*.
- whom* investigators noted had . . . (Orange County). *who*.

SPELLING:

- Brer* Fox (Metro). Note apostrophe: *Br'er*.
- Fisher Price* [toy company] (San Diego Business). Hyphenate: *Fisher-Price*.
- Goldman Sachs & Co.* (Orange County Business). Note comma: *Goldman, Sachs*.
- [artist] Raul *Guererro* (North County Focus). *Guerrero*.
- New English Tudor *Has* Illusion of Being Weathered (OC Home Design). *Gives*.
- Dr. *Suess* (OC Live!). *Seuss*.
- Swathmore* College (Orange County Business). *Swarthmore*.
- Tien An Men* Square (Orange County Calendar, San Diego Business). *Tian*.

- cauldron* (OC Live!). *caldron*.
- car wash* (Metro). One word: *carwash*.
- fish bowl* (Orange County View). *fishbowl*.
- half-sister* (Orange County). Two words: *half sister*.
- hand-made* (Metro). One word: *handmade*.
- juke box* (OC Live!). *jukebox*.
- packing house* (North County Focus). *packinghouse*.
- schnozzola* (San Diego Calendar, Orange County Calendar). *schnozzola*.
- second-hand* (Metro). One word: *secondhand*.
- transferred* (Orange County). *transferred*.
- work bench* (Orange County View). One word: *workbench*.

MEA CULPA:

- A recent S&U Report said it should be *Hudson Bay Co.* rather than *Hudson's Bay Co.* This was wrong. The body of water is *Hudson Bay*, but the corporation is *Hudson's Bay Co.*

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Style & Usage Report

January 23, 1991

This report covers the period from Jan. 11 through Jan. 17.

FACTS:

- [developers] *Cabot Cabot & Forbes* (San Diego View). Note comma: *Cabot, Cabot & Forbes*.
- Oscar Wilde's "The Canterbury Ghost" (OC Live!). Wilde's story was "The *Canterville Ghost*."
- federal *Conservation Corps* (San Diego). It was the *Civilian Conservation Corps*.
- Mexican-American* Legal Defense and Educational Fund (Orange County). No hyphen in this name: *Mexican American*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- uncertainty and the threat . . . *is . . .* (Ventura County). *are*.
- Rep. George E. Brown (D-Calif.) (Metro). *Colton*.
- Latinos *comprise* about 37% of the population (Metro). *compose* or *constitute*.
- county* Board of Supervisors (San Diego). Capitalize: *County*.
- county counsel* Lloyd Harmon (San Diego). Capitalize: *County Counsel*.
- the Rev.* Alan Beauregard [a Catholic priest] (San Diego). *Father*.
- the Persian *gulf* (Orange County). Capitalize: *Gulf*.
- to lay* on the bed (Orange County). *lie*.
- L-DOPA* (San Diego Calendar). *L-dopa*.
- sprayed . . . with *mace* (Ventura County). Capitalize: *Mace*.
- the [U.S.] *president's* action (Ventura County). Capitalize: *President's*.
- Wilson's *Secretary for Child Development and Education* (Metro). Lowercase: *secretary for child development and education*.
- state* Board of Education (Orange County). Capitalize: *State*.
- State Franchise Tax Board* (Westside). Lowercase: *state*.
- who* she presented only once before (San Diego Calendar). *whom*.
- a *teen-aged* witness (Orange County). *teen-age*.
- none of the victims *was* identified (Orange County). *were*.

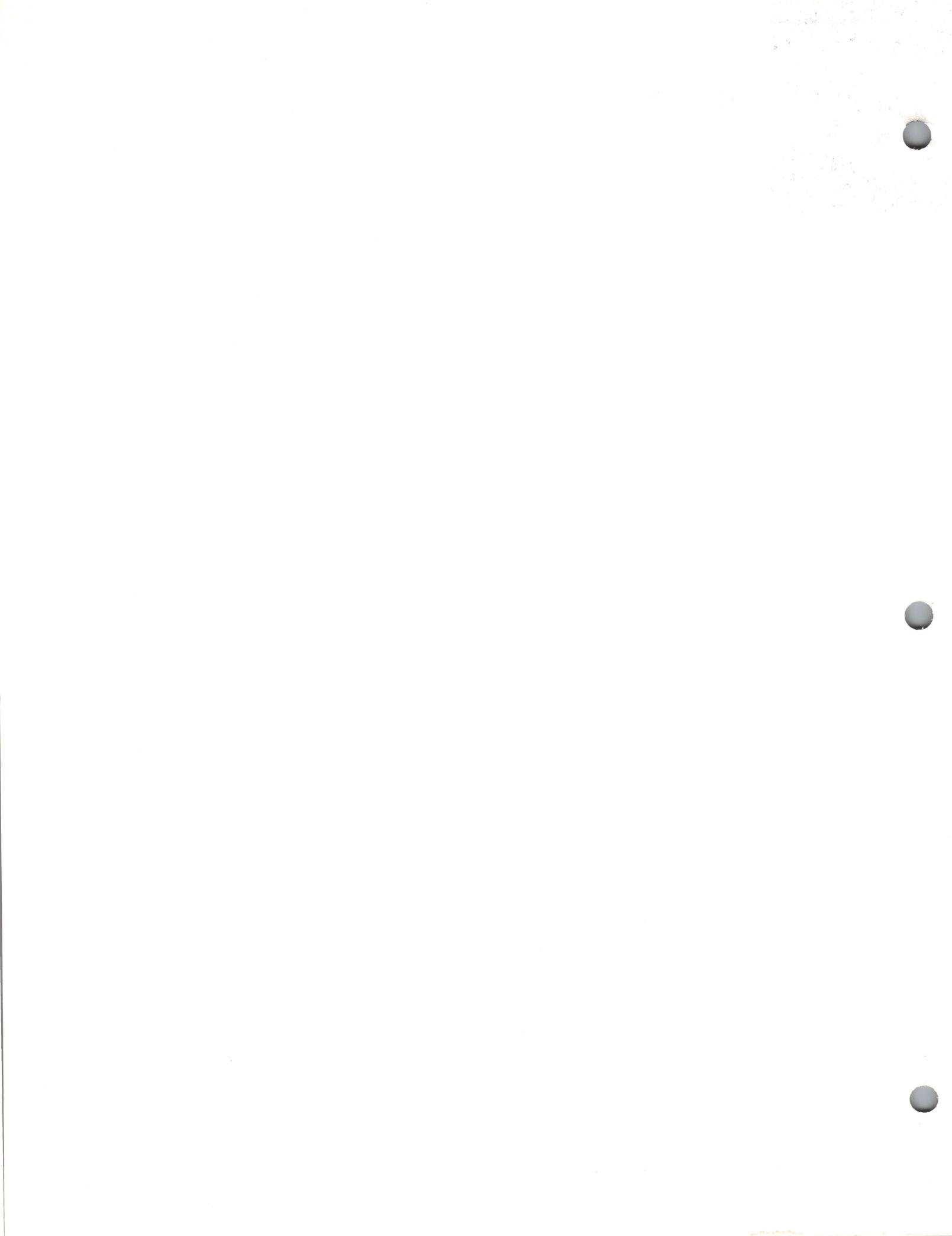
SPELLING:

- Cirque de Soleil* (San Diego View). *du*.
- Genessee* Avenue (San Diego). *Genesee*.
- Gepetto* [in "Pinocchio"] (Orange County). *Geppetto*.
- Deputy *Sheriff's* Assn. (San Diego). No apostrophe: *Sheriffs*.
- brand new* (Orange County). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
- callouses* (Westside). *calluses*.
- cooly* (San Diego Calendar). *coolly*.
- counter-demonstrator* (Metro). One word: *counterdemonstrator*.
- drop-out* rate (San Gabriel). *dropout*.
- eighth graders* (Metro, San Gabriel). Hyphenate: *eighth-graders*.
- a *fistfull* of . . . (San Diego Calendar). *fistful*.
- guard rail* (Metro). One word: *guardrail*.
- hard-headed* (San Diego). *hardheaded*.
- ink blot* (San Diego Calendar). *inkblot*.
- juke box* (Valley). *jukebox*.
- light years* (Orange County). Hyphenate: *light-years*.
- mid-day* (San Diego). One word: *midday*.
- open heart* surgery (Orange County, Metro). Hyphenate: *open-heart*.
- huddled under their *panchos* (Orange County). *ponchos*.
- referred* (San Diego Calendar). *referred*.
- sing-song* . . . chants (San Diego). One word: *singsong*.
- snow white* (Glendale). Hyphenate the adjective: *snow-white*.
- tight-knit* . . . community (Valley). One word: *tightknit*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- a developer's fight to build his dream home . . . a *manse* (Orange County). A *manse* is a parsonage, the home of a minister. Its use to mean a "dream home" or a mansion is archaic.

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Style & Usage Report

January 30, 1991

This report covers the period from Jan. 18 through Jan. 24.

FACTS:

- Kern County *Atty.* Robert D. Woods (Metro). *Chief Deputy Counsel.*
- Mexican American Legal Defense and *Education Fund* (Metro). *Educational.*

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- [a] *bourgeoisie* couple (OC Live!). *bourgeois.*
- like* he was inviting (San Diego). *as if.*
- cacophonic* (Orange County Calendar). *cacophonous.*
- the Israeli *consulate* (San Diego). Capitalize: *Consulate.*
- county* Board of Supervisors (Metro). Capitalize: *County.*
- to divest his* cable-TV holdings (Valley Business). *to divest himself of his.* . . .
- its* been very calm (Orange County). Note apostrophe: *it's.*
- a group of people *laid* in white body bags (San Diego). *lay.*
- peoples'* names (Metro). *people's.*
- six* cents . . . *eight* cents . . . *three* cents . . . *four* cents (Ventura County). Use numerals: *6 . . . 8 . . . 3 . . . 4.*
- Rev.* James M. Lawson (San Gabriel). It's *the Rev.*
- Western *world* (San Diego Calendar). Capitalize: *World.*

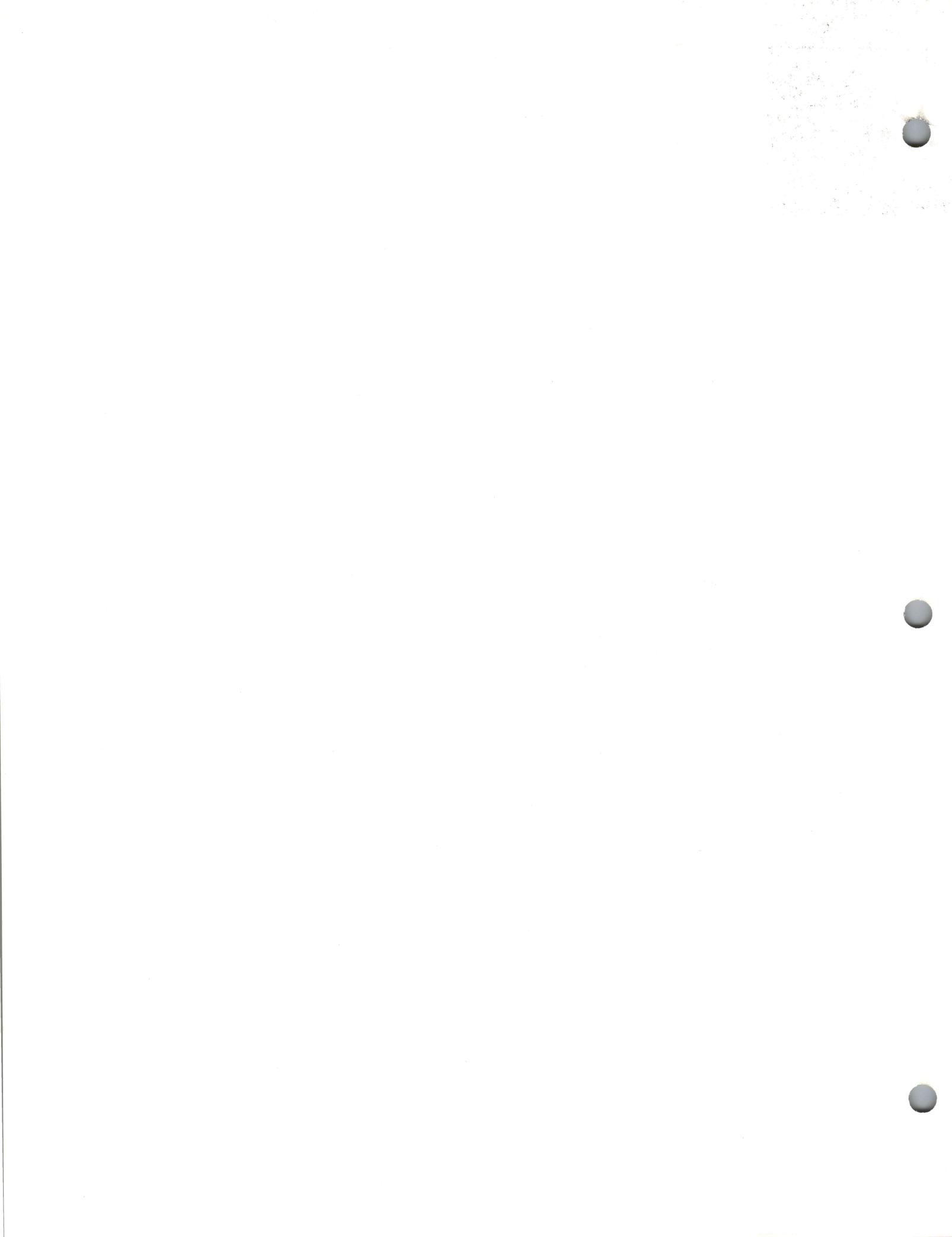
SPELLING:

- Katherine Hepburn* (San Diego Calendar). *Katharine.*
- Keystone *Cops* (Orange County Calendar). *Kops.*
- Proctor & Gamble* (Orange County). *Procter.*
- Sigalerts* (Metro). *SigAlerts.*
- Sidney*, Australia (Orange County Business). *Sydney.*
- bead work* (Ventura County Life). One word: *beadwork.*
- birth rate* (Metro). *birthrate.*
- burglarly* (Orange County). *burglary.*
- cab driver* (Valley). One word: *cabdriver.*
- cooly* (Metro). *coolly.*
- counter-demonstrators* (San Diego). One word: *counterdemonstrators.*
- duel* citizenship (Orange County). *dual.*
- a first-hand* look (Orange County Business). *firsthand.*
- fluorescent* bulbs (Valley Business). *fluorescent.*
- industry-wide* (Metro). One word: *industrywide.*
- lap tops* (Metro). *laptops.*
- level-headed* (Orange County View, Ventura County Life.) One word: *levelheaded.*
- thunder and *lightening* (Ventura County). *lightning.*
- light years* (San Diego Calendar). Hyphenate: *light-years.*
- machine gunner* (San Diego). *machine-gunner.*
- night clubs* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *nightclubs.*
- party-colored* costumes (Orange County Calendar). *parti-colored.*
- pizzazz* (San Diego Calendar). *pizazz.*
- tennis *racquets* (Metro). *rackets.*
- rest room* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *restroom.*
- re-united* (San Diego Calendar). *reunited.*
- severence* (Orange County Business). *severance.*
- snow-capped* (San Diego Calendar, Orange County). One word: *snowcapped.*
- straight-laced* (Ventura County Life). *strait-laced.*
- wing-tips* (San Gabriel). *wingtips.*

MISCELLANEOUS:

- a.k.a. as . . .* (Orange County). The *as* is redundant.

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Style & Usage Report

March 15, 1991

This report covers the period from March 6 through March 8.

FACTS:

- Rep. Gary A. Condit (D-Merced) (Metro). *Ceres*.
- 10-carat gold (Metro). Carats are units of weight for precious stones; gold content is measured in karats.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- her meteoric *ascendancy* (Metro). *ascent*.
- comprised of 12 . . . canvases (Ventura County Life). *composed*.
- county Board of Supervisors (Metro). Capitalize: *County*.
- County counsel Lloyd Harmon (San Diego). Capitalize: *counsel*.
- the Rev. James N. Loughran [a priest] (Metro). *Father*.
- the entire *free world* (Metro). Capitalize: *Free World*.
- the coal forge and . . . bellows *has* been . . . (San Diego). *have*.
- state *health and welfare agency* (Metro). Capitalize: *Health and Welfare Agency*.
- my son sponsored my wife and *I* (Valley). *me*.
- convicting [him] of one count of . . . (Metro). A person is convicted *of* a crime but *on* a count or a charge of that crime.
- forbids [them] *from harassing* . . . (Ventura County). *to harass*.
- vitamin C . . . vitamin A (North County Focus, Ventura County Life). Capitalize: *Vitamin*.
- a woman . . . *whom* she believed was . . . (San Diego). *who*.

SPELLING:

- Little *Big Horn* (Orange County Calendar). One word: *Bighorn*.
- [water engineer] Duane *Buccholz* (Metro). *Buchholz*.
- DuPont* [the company] (Valley). Two words: *Du Pont*.
- Ladies Home Journal* (San Diego). Note apostrophe: *Ladies'*.
- Pactel* Cellular (Orange County View). *PacTel*.
- Southhampton* (OC Live!). *Southampton*.

- alright* (Ventura County Life). *all right*.
- blood-sucking* (Orange County). One word: *bloodsucking*.
- bond holders* (Long Beach). *bondholders*.
- bullet-proof* (Orange County). *bulletproof*.
- corralled* (San Diego Calendar). *corralled*.
- cold-blooded* (Valley). One word: *coldblooded*.
- crow bar* (Westside). *crowbar*.
- fire trucks* (San Diego). *firetrucks*.
- free-wheeling* (Metro). *freewheeling*.
- gawdy* (San Diego View). *gaudy*.
- ennovative* approaches (Valley). *innovative*.
- lip-syncing* (San Diego Calendar). *lip-syncing*.
- long-haired* (Metro). One word: *longhaired*.
- mementoes* (OC Live!). *mementos*.
- mid-day* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *midday*.
- a shoulder-length *page boy* (Metro). One word: *pageboy*.
- passers-by* (Orange County). *passersby*.
- pneumocystis carini* (Orange County). *Pneumocystis carinii*.
- post-war* (Metro). One word: *postwar*.
- second-hand* smoke (Metro). *secondhand*.
- soul searching* (San Diego). Hyphenate: *soul-searching*.
- turbo-prop* (San Diego). One word: *turboprop*.
- turtle-neck* (San Diego). *turtleneck*.

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Style & Usage Report

April 19, 1991

This report covers the period from April 10 through April 12.

FACTS:

—the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (San Diego). It's the *U.S. 9th*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

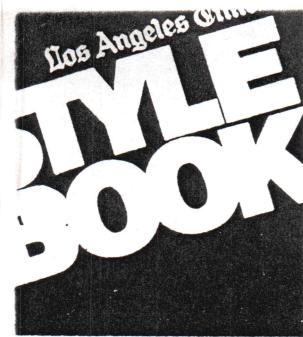
—the layoffs *comprised* about 12% of the work force (Orange County Business). *amounted to* or *constituted* or *made up*.
—it looked *like* she would have . . . (Valley). *as if*.
—the state *capitol* (National). The city is *capital*; capitalize the building: *Capitol*.
—*county* Board of Supervisors (San Diego). Capitalize: *County*.
—[China's] *cultural revolution* (San Gabriel). Capitalize: *Cultural Revolution*.
—[the] vote has no *affect* (National). *effect*.
—a dialect different *than* the one [he] speaks (Metro). *from*.
—most *importantly*, . . . [he] seems . . . (Calendar). *important*.
—*its* . . . very meaningful (San Diego). Note apostrophe: *it's*.
—*middle-age* women (San Diego Calendar). *middle-aged*.
—*National Anthem* (San Diego Sports). Lowercase: *national anthem*.
—*convinced* his colleagues to support (Valley). *persuaded*.
—later I *spit* it out (Metro). *spat*.
—*The Los Angeles Times* (View, Orange County Business). Lowercase: *the*. But the short form is *The Times*.
—forbidding council members *from delaying* (San Gabriel). *to delay*.
—graffiti *was* painted (Ventura County). *were*.
—*you're* information is . . . (San Diego). *your*.

SPELLING:

—*Airlines* Pilots' Assn. (National). Two words in this name: *Air Line*.
—[Justice] *Mack Amos* (San Diego). *E. Mac Amos*.
—*Anza Borrego* Desert State Park (North County Focus). Hyphenate: *Anza-Borrego*.
—*Dockweiller* Beach (South Bay). *Dockweiler*.
—*Folkstone* [England] (Ventura County Life). *Folkestone*.
—*Israelites* (Orange County Calendar). *Israelites*.
—[basketball player] *Jamal Wilkes* (Metro). *Jamaal*.
—*Buchalter, Nemur, Fields & Younger* [law firm] (Metro). *Nemer*.
—*Noxema* [skin cream] (Business). *Noxzema*.
—*Reza Pahlevi* [son of the late Shah of Iran] (Orange County). *Pahlavi*.
—Deputy *Sheriff's* Assn. (San Diego). No apostrophe: *Sheriffs*.
—Judge Nancy *Weiben* Stock (Orange County). *Wieben*.

—*ball game* (Food). One word: *ballgame*.
—*ball players* (Sports). *ballplayers*.
—*bear hug* (Valley). *bearhug*.
—*counter-punched* (Sports). *counterpunched*.
—*gilders* [Dutch currency] (Orange County). *guilders*.
—*likeable* (North County Focus). *likable*.
—took a *nose-dive* (Orange County). No hyphen: *nose dive*.
—*occured* (Sports). *occurred*.
—*old fashioned* (OC Live!). Hyphenate: *old-fashioned*.
—*poverty stricken* (North County Focus). *poverty-stricken*.
—*prize-winning* cartoons (National). One word: *prizewinning*.
—*rain storms* (North County Focus). *rainstorms*.
—*referred* (San Diego). *referred*.
—*second-hand* smoke (Metro). One word: *secondhand*.
—*speciality* (Metro). *specialty*.
—in a *split-second* (Sports). No hyphen: *split second*.
—*surprise* (View). *surprise*.
—*wooly* (San Gabriel). *woolly*.
—*work week* (Metro). One word: *workweek*.

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Style & Usage Report

May 31, 1991

This report covers May 22 through May 24, plus one item from May 20.

FACTS:

- alleged sexual battery *charges* (Calendar). It is the sexual battery that is alleged, not the charges.
- Rep. Glenn M. Anderson (D-Harbor City) (Metro). *San Pedro*.
- Rep. John Doolittle (R-Rocklin) (Metro). *Stockton*.
- a *Thrifty's* drugstore (Valley). *Thrifty*.
- 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (Business). It's the *U.S. 9th*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

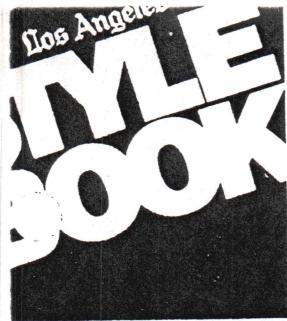
- [they] *comprise* the largest minority (Metro). *compose* or *constitute*.
- . . . prohibit food . . . *to be* (Business). *from being*.
- urged him to *reform* the Kay Kyser band (Orange County). *re-form*.
- compliance by U.S. companies *to* the statute (Foreign). *with*.

SPELLING:

- dijon* mustard (OC Live!). Capitalize: *Dijon*.
- John *Le Carre* (OC Live!). Lowercase: *le Carre*.
- Metro Goldwyn Mayer* (Metro). Hyphenate: *Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer*.
- Milfordmills* High School [in Baltimore] (Valley View). *Milford Mill*.
- Mombassa* [Africa]. *Mombasa*.
- [artist] Georgia *O'Keefe* (Ventura County). *O'Keeffe*.
- Phillipines* (Metro). *Philippines*.
- Piper Jaffray* & Hopwood (Business). Note comma: *Piper, Jaffray*.
- sheriff's department* (Orange County View). Capitalize: *Sheriff's Department*.
- third world* countries (San Diego). Capitalize: *Third World*.

- almondine* (Ventura County Life). *amandine*.
- arch-rival* (Calendar). One word: *archrival*.
- osso bucco* (North County Focus). *buco*.
- callouses* (Ventura County Life). *calluses*.
- a bit of *course* salt (San Diego). *coarse*.
- diehards* (Ventura County, OC Live!) Hyphenate: *die-hards*.
- drum-beating* (Metro). One word: *drumbeating*.
- hand-crafted* (Orange County). *handcrafted*.
- home town* (North County Focus). *hometown*.
- hot-headed* (San Diego Sports). *hotheaded*.
- ice tea* (Food, OC Live!). *iced*.
- impostor* (Metro). *impostor*.
- coffee klatch* (Editorial Pages). *kaffeeklatsch*.
- likeable* (North County Focus). *likable*.
- long-standing* tradition (OC Live!). One word: *longstanding*.
- long-time* [as adjective] (Foreign, Calendar). *longtime*.
- advocates have *marshalled* (Op-Ed). *marshaled*.
- movie-goers* (Ventura County Life). One word: *moviegoers*.
- pay-out* (National). *payout*.
- pretensions* (View). *pretensions*.
- nerve-wracking* (Foreign). *racking*.
- school children* (Metro). One word: *schoolchildren*.
- semi-formal* (San Diego). *semiformal*.
- side-effect* (National). No hyphen: *side effect*.
- a *sky blue* El Dorado (San Diego). Hyphenate: *sky-blue*.
- spray painting* (Orange County). *spray-painting*.
- squeaky clean* (National). *squeaky-clean*.
- squirreled* away (Metro). *squirreled*.
- straight-laced* (Orange County View). *strait-laced*.
- work day* (Metro). One word: *workday*.

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Style & Usage Report

June 4, 1991

This report covers May 26 and May 28.

FACTS:

—Belleau Woods [World War I battle site] (Travel). *Wood*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

—women . . . *comprise* almost half of the work force (Business). *compose*.
—that's real different than summer (Calendar). *from*.
—Lt. General Carl E. Mundy (Metro). Abbreviate: *Gen.*
—how does this . . . *gibe* with the fact . . . (Book Review). *jibe*.
—the crackdown . . . and a wave . . . *has* failed (Foreign). *have*.
—it wasn't *him* (Sports). *he*.
—Down's *Syndrome* (Book Review). Lowercase: *syndrome*.

SPELLING:

—*Brandenberg* Gate (Travel). *Brandenburg*.
—*Cuidad* Real (Foreign). *Ciudad*.
—*Cornelia Connely* . . . School (Orange County). *Connelly*.
—defenders of the *crown* (View). Capitalize: *Crown*.
—“The Frenzy of *Renoun*” (book title) (Book Review). *Renown*.
—Gen. Norman *Schwartzkopf* (Book Review). *Schwarzkopf*.
—*Shakespearan* roles (Calendar). *Shakespearean*.
—*Stuyvenson* High School [Queens, N.Y.] (San Diego). *Stuyvesant*.
—*Urdo*, an Indian dialect (Orange County Business). *Urdu*.
—[actor] Sam *Waterson* (Book Review). *Waterston*.

—*boarding house* (Orange County View). One word: *boardinghouse*.
—*cancelled* (View). *canceled*.
—a *catch-all* (Calendar). One word: *catchall*.
—a *collectors* item (Calendar). Note apostrophe: *collector's*.
—*dishevelled* (Book Review). *disheveled*.
—*fuel efficient* (Business). Hyphenate: *fuel-efficient*.
—*hour-long* (Book Review). One word: *hourlong*.
—*iron-clad* (Sports). *ironclad*.
—*petroglyphs* (Book Review). *petroglyphs*.
—*wracking* their minds (Calendar). *racking*.
—*road beds* (Business). One word: *roadbeds*.
—a *salt water* pool (Business). *saltwater*.
—*second-hand* car (Book Review). *secondhand*.
—his . . . *speciality* (National). *specialty*.
—*tax deductible* (Real Estate). Hyphenate: *tax-deductible*.
—an *uncalled for* shove (Sports). *uncalled-for*.
—*wing tips* (Orange County Sports). One word: *wingtips*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

—the company has *located* the residents space in Pomona (San Diego). Surely *allocated* is what's meant.
—*He was first diagnosed as having AIDS . . .* (Metro). Diseases and conditions are diagnosed, not people. Make it: *His condition was first diagnosed as AIDS*.
—Atty. Gen. *Daniel E. Lungren* (Metro). He prefers—and we call him—*Dan Lungren*.
—heaps of *would-be* junk (Metro). Surely the stuff wasn't seeking to be junk?

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Style & Usage Report

June 6, 1991

This report covers May 29 and May 30, plus one item from May 28.

FACTS:

- sworn in as *deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Education* (Business). He was sworn in as *deputy secretary of education*, not of the department.
- Wilbraham & Monson Academy of *Somer, Conn.* (Westside Sports). This school is located in *Wilbraham, Mass.*

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- people *commit* to an agreement (View). *commit themselves*.
- Afrikaners . . . *comprise* the bulk of . . . (Foreign). *compose* or *constitute*.
- they *harken* back to old seafaring days (San Diego). *hark*.
- died from stab wounds (Valley). *of*.
- convinces* [them] to become . . . (San Diego Calendar). *persuades*.
- gang graffiti *was* found (Metro). *were*.
- 1,800 students, of which . . . (North County Focus). *whom*.

SPELLING:

- Alka Seltzer* (Metro). Hyphenate: *Alka-Seltzer*.
- Belvedere* Elementary [Schoool] (Metro). Belvedere.
- [sculptor] Alexander *Culder* (Orange County View). *Calder*.
- Gilette/Papermate* (Westside). *Gillette/Paper Mate*.
- [Mexican Fisheries Minister] Guillermo *Jiminez* Morales (Sports). *Jimenez*.
- Juilliard* School (National). *Juilliard*.
- Manufacturer's* Hanover Trust (Westside). No hyphen: *Manufacturers*.
- “Elector of the *Palantine*” [part of the name of a painting] (Calendar). *Palatine*.
- Anatoly *Scharansky* (View). *Shcharansky*.
- U.S. *special forces* (San Diego). Capitalize: *Special Forces*.
- Zyder Zee* (Calendar). *Zuider*.

- area-wide* (San Diego). One word: *areawide*.
- audio-visual* (Orange County View). *audiovisual*.
- big-hearted* (View). *bighearted*.
- child-bearing* (Metro). *childbearing*.
- a *church-going* family (Ventura County Life). *churchgoing*.
- cut-throat* (National). *cutthroat*.
- flood gates* (Business). *floodgates*.
- hour-long* (Westside). *hourlong*.
- prevalance* (Orange County View). *prevalence*.
- principle* organizer (National). *principal*.
- school children* (Long Beach). One word: *schoolchildren*.
- a *scragly* kid (Glendale). *scraggly* or *scraggy* depending on what's meant.
- smack dab* (OC Live!). Hyphenate: *smack-dab*.
- tax free* (Metro, North County Focus). *tax-free*.
- top heavy* (San Diego Sports). *top-heavy*.
- valences* over the windows (Ventura County Life). *valances*.
- [she] *wrangled* a corporate donation (Metro). *wangled*.
- water-logged* (San Diego). One word: *waterlogged*.
- wine maker* (Food). *winemaker*.
- write-down* (Orange County Business). *writedown*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- he was diagnosed as having AIDS* . . . (Metro). Diseases and conditions are diagnosed, not people. Make it: *his condition was diagnosed as AIDS* or *he was found to have AIDS*.
- people *who have been recently been diagnosed with cancer* (Valley). The same point applies.
- Born in London, Morrison's family* migrated to Canada when he was a boy (Metro). This dangler suggests that it was his family that was born in London; surely it was he.

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Style & Usage Report

June 9, 1991

This report covers the period from June 1 through June 3.

FACTS:

- Lake Seneca* [New York state] (Times Magazine). It's *Seneca Lake*.
- Yusuf Hawkins . . . *beaten* to death (Times Magazine). Hawkins was *shot*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- doesn't *effect* me at all (Sports). *affect*.
- four are Latino and none *is* black (Valley). *are*.
- between *five* and *seven* days old (Valley). *5* and *7*.
- [the] *nouveau riche* don't . . . (Times Magazine). The plural is *nouveaux riches*.
- died *from* a drug overdose (Metro). *of*.
- took a grievous toll *on* . . . (Book Review). *of*.
- the *Mercedes* still roam (Westside). *Mercedeses*.
- convinced* to cool his ardor (Editorial Page). *persuaded*.
- the *Rand* Corp. (Metro). All capitals: *RAND*.
- customers seemed *reticent* to splurge (Westside). *reluctant*.
- his critics *says* (Times Magazine). *say*.
- being* a family man . . . , the county is . . . (Metro). A dangler; make it: *since he is*
- 2,500 BC (OC Home Design). No comma: *2500*.
- the Teamsters *union* (Times Magazine). Capitalize: *Union*.

SPELLING:

- Carribean* (Calendar). *Caribbean*.
- Levis* (Times Magazine). Note apostrophe: *Levi's*.
- Moslem* (Traveling in Style). *Muslim*.
- Auberge du Soleil* [restaurant] (Travel). *Soleil*.
- South Central* Los Angeles (National). Hyphenate: *South-Central*.

- break dancing* (Calendar). Hyphenate: *break-dancing*.
- a *cease fire* (Times Magazine). *cease-fire*.
- combating* (Calendar). *combatting*.
- even-handed* (South Bay). One word: *evenhanded*.
- a *homogenous* community (Metro). *homogeneous*.
- inflamation* (Sports). *inflammation*.
- land masses* (Traveling in Style). One word: *landmasses*.
- long-time* [the adjective] (Times Magazine). *longtime*.
- megolithic* (Travel). *megalithic*.
- mezzo soprano* (South Bay). Hyphenate: *mezzo-soprano*.
- occurences* (Book Review). *occurrences*.
- ocean-going* (Metro). One word: *oceangoing*.
- pay-off* (San Gabriel). *payoff*.
- re-election* (Times Magazine). *reelection*.
- wracked* by upheaval (Book Review). *racked*.
- right wingers* (Calendar). Hyphenate: *right-wingers*.
- sugar-coating* (View). One word: *sugarcoating*.
- teeppee* (Op-Ed). *tepee*.
- theater-goer* (Calendar). One word: *theatergoer*.
- three dimensional* (Calendar). Hyphenate: *three-dimensional*.

UPDATE:

- Please note the hyphen in the name of *Forest Lawn Memorial-Park*. This is true of all locations.

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Style & Usage Report

July 31, 1991

These reports now include, when feasible, a more extended discussion of some points. Your comments on this one will be welcome. This report covers July 20-25.

LAY/LIE:

- when fog *lays* heavy. *lies*.
- [then] they *lay* down their palms. *laid*.
- [he] *lay* down his bullhorn. *laid*.
- the officers *lay* him face down. *laid*.
- the victim was *laying* in the street. *lying*.
- ordered him to *lay* on his stomach. *lie*.
- [he] *lays* dying. *lies*.
- [he] *laid* down and was hit. *lay*.

—These comparatively old examples are just as relevant as they were when they were first pointed out. The *lay/lie* confusion continues to plague our pages, and this is an attempt at clarifying the difference.

- The verb *lay* is transitive (taking an object); the verb *lie* is intransitive (not taking an object). (Note that the verb *lie* as in *lying* about one's record is entirely different and has nothing to do with these two verbs.)
- Lay* means to place in a recumbent position; the past participle and the past tense are both *laid*, and the present participle is *laying*. For example:

He is going to *lay* down his weapons; he has already *laid* his weapons on the ground; he *laid* his lunch on the table; he is *laying* out his plans for the future. Note that all these verbs have objects.

- Lie* means to be or to place yourself in a recumbent position; the past participle is *lain*; the past tense is *lay*, and the present participle is *lying*. For example:

He is going to *lie* on the sofa, he *lies* dying; he has already *lain* there awhile; he *lay* there for several hours, he *lay* dying; he is still *lying* there.

FACTS:

- Le Canard Enchainé [Paris newspaper] (Foreign). *Enchainé*.
- Carnegie Institute (Metro). *Institution*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- it's not a horror film as *with* many other films set up this way (Ventura County Life). *are*.
- left [it] in shambles* (Orange County). *left [it] a shambles*.
- dominating the room *like* . . . Gates dominates the LAPD (Calendar). *as*.
- August looks *like* it should . . . (Ventura County Life). *as if*.
- like* she was biting off . . . (Calendar). *as if*.
- Like* basketball, . . . great two-meter men are . . . (Valley Sports). A dangler; make it: *As in*.
- Just *like* every other comparison that's done, the American kids . . . (Op-Ed). *as in*.
- Like so many parts of the city, crime affects* . . . (Metro). Make it: *As it does in so many parts of the city, crime* . . .
- he had *beat* her (Orange County). *beaten*.
- the U.S. *consulate* (San Diego). Capitalize: *Consulate*.
- he is *diagnosed as having cancer* (Calendar). Conditions and illnesses are diagnosed, people aren't; make it *found to have*, or, *his condition is diagnosed as* . . .
- U.S. *District Court Judge* Matt Byrne (View). *District Judge*.
- a *fairy tale-day* (Sports). *fairy-tale day*.
- the New Madrid *fault* (Metro). Capitalize: *Fault*.
- our food was too sweet *to their taste* (Travel). *for*.
- [his].*arguments* . . . *has been* . . . (Metro). *have*.
- a preliminary analysis . . . *are* a positive match (Metro). *shows*.
- jet skis* (Real Estate). It's a brand name; capitalize: *Jet Skis*.
- a *couple dozen* (Business). *couple of dozen*.
- death . . . *from* bone cancer (Calendar). *of*.
- died *from* a cocaine overdose (Orange County). *of*.
- died *from* a heart attack (Travel). *of*.

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- petite* bourgeois society (Ventura County Life). *petit*.
- forbidding [him] *from annoying . . . her* (Valley). *to annoy*.
- forbid the [bank] *from closing* (Business). *to close*.
- forbids businesses *from instituting* (Valley Sports). *to institute*.
- forbids members *from purchasing* (Business). *to purchase*.
- he would count the *Rolls* (Food). *Rollses*.
- each of the . . . *youngeters . . . undergo* (Metro). *undergoes*.
- [he] *went as far as suggesting that . . .* (Calendar). *went so far as to suggest . . .*
- it was Brewer *who . . . Bradley tapped* (Metro). *whom*.
- a gumshoe . . . *who Kathleen Turner plays on . . .* (Calendar). *whom*.
- charged three men *for failing . . .* (Foeign). *with*.

SPELLING:

- Director's Guild* (View). No apostrophe: *Directors*.
- Foote Cone & Belding* (Business). Note comma: *Foote, Cone*.
- [mass murderer] *Ed Gien* (Book Review). *Gein*.
- Gladstone's-For-Fish* [restaurant] (Westside). *Gladstone's 4 Fish*.
- Hewlett Packard* Co. (View). Hyphenate: *Hewlett-Packard*.
- Camp Le Jeune*, N.C. (Orange County View). One word: *Lejeune*.
- [bandleader] *Louie Prima* (Valley). *Louis*.
- Mescalera* [Indians] (Ventura County Life). *Mescalero*.
- [feminist writer] *Kate Millet* (Book Review). *Millett*.
- [retired rabbi] *Mordecia Soloff* (South Bay). *Mordecai*.
- “*Oh, Canada*” [national anthem] (Orange County Sports). “*O Canada*.”
- U.S. Circuit Judge Stephen *Reinhart* (Metro). *Reinhardt*.
- Scarlet O'Hara* (TV Times). *Scarlett*.
- Ft. Worth *Star Telegram* (Metro). Hyphenate: *Star-Telegram*.
- Rue *Vielle du Temple* [in Paris] (Travel). *Vieille*.
- Yamashiro* Restaurant (Metro). *Yamashiro*.

- clear eyed* (North County Focus). One word: *cleareyed*.
- crystal clear* (Valley Sports). Hyphenate: *crystal-clear*.
- chef du cuisine* (Food). *de*.
- death blow* (Valley). One word: *deathblow*.
- dildoes* (Metro). *dildos*.
- only a *dim wit* (Calendar). One word: *dimwit*.
- earth-moving* (Business). *earthmoving*.
- eighth grader* (Real Estate). Hyphenate: *eighth-grader*.
- energy efficient* (Real Estate). *energy-efficient*.
- faint-hearted* (Travel). One word: *fainthearted*.
- the same *flash-point* (Foreign). Two words: *flash point*.
- flat-lands* (San Diego). One word: *flatlands*.
- forgiveable* (San Diego Sports). *forgivable*.
- heart-breaking* (Calendar). One word: *heartbreaking*.
- impostor* (Book Review). *impostor*.
- job seekers* (San Diego). Hyphenate: *job-seekers*.
- kidnapping* (Sports). *kidnaping*.
- laid back* (OC Live!). Hyphenate: *laid-back*.
- long-time* friend (Calendar, Food). One word: *longtime*.
- bete noir* (Calendar). *noire*.
- non-agression* pact (Calendar). One word: *nonaggression*.
- pool room* (Calendar). *poolroom*.
- pot-bellied* (Orange County). *potbellied*.
- redoutable* (Book Review1). *redoutable*.
- nautical references get free *reign* (Ventura County Life). *rein*.
- re-elected* (Calendar). One word: *reelected*.
- his *rundown . . . home* (Book Review). Hyphenate: *run-down*.
- the back yard includes *statutes* (Ventura County Life). *statues*.
- stone cold* (Time Magazine). *stone-cold*.
- tuxedoes* (Travel). *tuxedos*.
- warrantee* extensions (Business). *warranty*.
- water lilies* (Foreign). One word: *waterlilies*.
- white-washed* (Orange County View). *whitewashed*.
- a *wild cat* (Orange County). *wildcat*.
- wise-cracking* (TV Times). *wisecracking*.
- working man* (Metro). *workingman*.

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Style & Usage Report

July 24, 1991

These reports now include, when feasible, a more extended discussion of some points. Your comments on this one will be welcome. This report covers July 14-18 with a few samples from July 13.

ALLEGED:

—The words *alleged* and *allegedly* crop up in The Times far more frequently than they need to. Herewith a reminder based on the entry in the stylebook:

alleged. Use with caution. The source of any allegation must be specified.

Avoid redundancy. It is correct to say: *Police alleged that Smith killed his wife*. But not: *Police accused him of allegedly killing his wife*. A person is not *charged* with *allegedly* doing something; he is charged with actually doing it.

There are ways around the constant use of *alleged* and *allegedly*. It is perfectly correct to say *police said* that something happened. There is no need to repeat the word *alleged* in each sentence of a paragraph that consists of a prolonged allegation.

When a person is arrested, he is arrested *on a charge of* something or *on suspicion of* something. He may also be arrested *in connection with* a crime, such a holdup or a burglary. He may also be *held for questioning in connection with* something.

Do not use *alleged* as a routine qualifier.

Bear in mind that the use of *alleged* does not protect against a libel suit.

FACTS:

—a *foot pedal* (Real Estate). All pedals are operated by foot; make it just *pedal*.
—Rep. Wally Herger (R-Roseville) (Metro). *Yuba City*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- an historic melding* (Ventura County Life). *a*.
- left the nation *in shambles* (Times Magazine). *a shambles*.
- the team was *left in a shambles* (Sports). *left a shambles*.
- . . . *were in such a shambles* (Business). *were such a shambles*.
- the GI *bill* [of rights] (Ventura County Life). Capitalize: *Bill*.
- blue collar-format* (San Diego Calendar). *blue-collar format*.
- U.S. District Court Judge* J. Lawrence Irving (San Diego). *U.S. District Judge*.
- secretary of *Education* [after a name] (View). Lowercase: *education*.
- he was *diagnosed with* a brain tumor (Metro). Conditions and diseases are diagnosed, not people; make it: *found to have*. A similar error occurred in San Diego Sports.
- [it] could have been avoided if [he] *did not hurt his toe* (Sports). *had not*.
- secretary of *Housing and Urban Development* [after a name] (National). Lowercase: *housing and urban development*.
- team *insignias* (Orange County Editorial Page). The plural is just *insignia*.
- neither Paradox 3.5 nor dBase IV *are . . .* (Business). *is*.
- she *lay . . .* grasses beneath our feet (San Diego Calendar). *laid*.
- Hispanic* [church] congregations (Orange County). *Latino*.
- never been *loathe* to take (Calendar). *loath*.
- St. *Matthews* Episcopal Church (Westside). Note apostrophe: *Matthew's*.
- middle-age* men (Metro). *middle-aged*.
- [will take] a toll . . . *on* the ecosystem (Metro). *of*.
- a *verbal* promise (Metro, San Diego Sports). *oral*.
- [he] *convinced* the City Council to . . . (Metro). *persuaded*.
- state Board of Equalization (Metro). Capitalize: *State*.
- teen-aged* (Ventura County Life). *teen-age*.
- upstate* New York (Calendar). Capitalize: *Upstate*.
- secretary of *Urban Development and Ecology* [after a name] (Business). Lowercase: *urban development and ecology*.
- Easter week* (Orange County View). Capitalize: *Week*.
- whom* she contends focused only on . . . (Metro). *who*.
- who* [she] consulted (View). *whom*.
- molestation for which he was never charged (Ventura County). *with*.

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SPELLING:

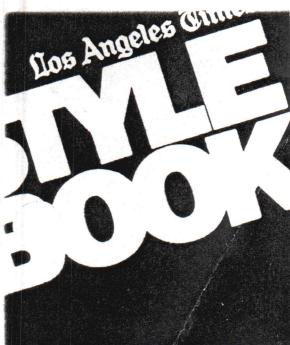
- Sangre de *Christo* Mountains (Travel). *Cristo*.
- Haagen-Daz (North County Focus). *Dazs*.
- the *Gastonbury* Thorn (Ventura County Life). *Glastonbury*.
- Goldman Sachs* & Co. (Business). Note comma: *Goldman, Sachs*.
- Alec *Guiness* (Ventura County Life). *Guinness*.
- Julliard* [school of music] (Westside). *Juilliard*.
- Lloyds* of London (Valley Business). Note apostrophe: *Lloyd's*. [But it's *Lloyds Bank*.]
- Montenegrin* (Foreign). *Montenegrin*.
- Murietta* (OC Home Design). *Murrieta*. Another misspelling of the word occurred in Metro.
- Pinocchio* (South Bay). *Pinocchio*.
- the place Amelie Pollonais [in Paris] (Travel). It means *square*; capitalize: *Place*.
- popsicle* (North County Focus). It's a brand name: *Popsicle*.
- Reese* Peanut Butter Cups (North County Focus). *Reese's*.
- Salmon* Rushdie (Op-Ed). *Salman*.
- the Singapore newspaper, the *Straights* Times (Travel). *Straits*.
- Tombiggee* River (Travel). *Tombigbee*.
- Ukranian* (OC Live!). *Ukrainian*.

- [he] said *afterword* (Metro). *afterward*.
- bee-hive* (Orange County). One word: *beehive*.
- birth rate* (Orange County). *birthrate*.
- brand new* (San Gabriel). Hyphenate: *brand-new*.
- a [London] *Cockney* (Op-Ed). Lowercase: *cockney*.
- cold-blooded* (Calendar). One word: *coldblooded*.
- cordwood* (Metro). *cordwood*.
- [a] *cubical* (Times Magazine). *cubicle*.
- a *cut-throat* personality (View). One word: *cutthroat*.
- dim-witted* (Ventura). *dimwitted*.
- dirt cheap* (Sports). Hyphenate: *dirt-cheap*.
- double checked* (San Diego Calendar). *double-checked*.
- drought resistant* (OC Home Design). *drought-resistant*.
- they're *fairing* OK (Business). *faring*.
- fruit cake* . . . *pound cake* . . . *sponge cake* (Food). All one word: *fruitcake* . . . *poundcake* . . . *spongecake*.
- half-brother* . . . *half-sister* (Valley, Westside). No hyphen: *half sister* . . . *half brother*.
- head-dress* (Foreign). One word: *headdress*.
- honey dew* melon (OC Live!). *honeydew*.
- house mother* (Westside). *housemother*.
- insistance* (Calendar). *insistence*.
- job holders* (Metro). One word: *jobholders*.
- knock-out* (North County Focus). *knockout*.
- land mass* (Ventura County Life). *landmass*.
- long-time* friend (National). *longtime*.
- long-haired* (Calendar). *longhaired*.
- long-standing* [the adjective] (Op-Ed). *longstanding*.
- lunch-time* (Calendar). *lunchtime*.
- mini-series* (Ventura County Life). *miniseries*.
- off-loaded* (Travel). One word: *offloaded*.
- on-going* (Orange County Sports). *ongoing*.
- pencilled* (Orange County Sports). *penciled*.
- pot-bellied* (Orange County). One word: *potbellied*.
- pot-holes* (Metro). *potholes*.
- nerve-wracking* (Ventura County Life). *racking*.
- rest rooms* (San Diego Calendar). *restrooms*.
- de rigeur* (Metro). *rigueur*.
- semi-trailer* (Valley). *semitrailer*.
- seven-fold* (Business). *sevenfold*.
- shell shocked* (San Gabriel). *shellshocked*.
- stock brokers* (Business). *stockbrokers*.
- [Indian] *teepees* (Travel). *tepees*.
- zoo-keepers* (Opinion). *zookeepers*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- a goodly many* small plates (North County Focus). Either *a good many* or *a goodly number of*.
- the . . . *consortia* is (Business). Either *consortia* are or *consortium* is.

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Oct. 3, 1991

Because of my other obligations, this report is more sporadic than most recent ones. It includes items from as long ago as Sept. 12 and as recently as Sept. 25.

NAUSEATED/NAUSEOUS:

—There's a meaningful difference, and the two words are occasionally confused in our pages. A few examples, old and new:

both travelers were *nauseous* (Travel). *nauseated*.
becoming *nauseous* (Valley View). *nauseated*.
the sight made them *nauseous* (Orange County). *nauseated*.
made him *nauseous* (Metro). *nauseated*.
he felt *nauseous* (Metro). *nauseated*.
made him ill and *nauseous* (Orange County). *nauseated*.
making the pilot *nauseous* (Metro). *nauseated*.

—*Nauseated* describes how you feel when you suffer *nausea*; *nauseous* describes the circumstances that made you *nauseated*:

I was *nauseated* by the *nauseous* odor.

FACTS:

—*State Museum of Science and Industry* (Metro). It's the *California Museum of Science and Industry*.
—the state *Occupational Safety and Health Administration* (Business). Although it's abbreviated as *Cal/OSHA*, the state body is the *Division of Occupational Safety and Health*.
—*Doyle, Dane and Bernbach* [ad agency] (Times Magazine). *Doyle Dane Bernbach*.
—*Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co.* (Business). In this name, it's two words: *Dry Dock*.
—*National Institute for Health* (Times Magazine). *Institutes of*.
—*Congressional Medal of Honor* (Opinion). Its name is just *Medal of Honor*.
—*Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad* (Glendale). *Railway*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

—much *like* . . . bashing helped the GOP (Opinion). *as*.
—shoot *like* it was a . . . saloon fight (Valley Sports). *as if*.
—envisioned *to police* the Indian Ocean (Foreign). *as policing*.
—*Cal Tech* (Opinion). One word: *Caltech*.
—*Medieval* history (Calendar). Lowercase: *medieval*.
—*most importantly*, . . . this is just a . . . (TV Times). *most important*.
—all that *withstanding*, the Administration . . . (Opinion). *notwithstanding*.
—working the *foot pedal* (Times Magazine). All pedals are foot pedals; just *pedal* does it.
—almost *convinces* [him] to . . . (Calendar). *persuades*.
—*Helmsley* repeatedly *contested* her innocence (Business). *protested*.
—The Tower in Anaheim . . . *were* not allowed to . . . (Orange County Calendar). *was*.

SPELLING:

—Chez Panisse in *Berkley* (OC Live!). *Berkeley*.
—[actor] Ronald *Coleman* (View). *Colman*.
—*Farleigh Dickinson University* (Travel). *Fairleigh*.
—the *Nimitz freeway* (San Diego). Capitalize: *Freeway*.
—to call Foxx "Fuschia or Pale Green . . ." (TV Times). *Fuchsia*.
—[Seurat's painting] "La *Grand Jatte*" (Ventura County Life). *Grande*.
—*Kuomingtang* (Book Review). *Kuomintang*.
—"Hello *Dolly*" (Calendar). Note punctuation: "Hello, *Dolly*!"
—*Jeanette MacDonald* (Calendar). *Jeanette*.
—the *Kurile Islands* (Opinion). *Kuril*.
—[publisher] Houghton *Mifflin* (Calendar). *Mifflin*.
—[actor] Michael *Moriarty* (TV Times). *Moriarty*.
—*Neiman-Marcus* (Long Beach). They dropped the hyphen some years ago: *Neiman Marcus*.
—*Ritz Carlton Hotel* (Real Estate). Hyphenate: *Ritz-Carlton*.

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Style & Usage Report

Oct. 9, 1991

This report covers the period from Sept. 26 through Oct. 1.

PROF./PROFESSOR:

- This entry is little more than repetition of what the stylebook says, but there seems to be enough uncertainty over when to use the abbreviation and when to capitalize to justify it.
- When the title alone is used before a person's name, it should of course be both abbreviated and capitalized: *Prof. John H. Jones*. Lesser titles are preferably spelled out following the name: *John H. Jones, associate professor of history*.
- When the name of the professor's subject or his university affiliation is used with the title before his name, the title should be spelled out and lowercased:

physics professor John H. Jones
USC professor John H. Jones
USC physics professor John H. Jones
department chairman John H. Jones

- If the professor holds an endowed academic chair, the title should be capitalized, regardless of its position: *Shirley K. Jones, Walt Whitman Professor of English*.

FACTS:

- Grover's *Corner* [in "Our Town"] (Calendar). *Corners*.
- Defense Secretary *Richard Cheney* (TV Times). He prefers—and we call him—*Dick*.
- Connecticut's *Fairfax County* (Business). Fairfax County is in Virginia; in Connecticut, it's *Fairfield County*.
- finishing an *eight-hour graveyard shift* when she received the call . . . at 11:44 p.m. (Metro). A *graveyard shift* is "a shift that starts during the night, usually at midnight." This wasn't one.
- Rep. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) (Calendar). *Greenbrae*.
- judges, one in *the wig and gown of a British lord*, . . . (Orange County Calendar). British *judges* wear wigs and gowns in their own right; members of the British peerage may wear gowns, but not wigs.
- persona non grata* (TV Times). The phrase is: *persona non grata*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- the judging criteria is different (Ventura County Life). *are*.
- the same *bacteria* that has . . . (National). Make it either *bacterium* or *have*.
- Angels Get *Beat*, 8-4 [headline] (Sports). There was plenty of room for *Beaten*.
- the bells *comprise* the only carillon . . . (Orange County View). *compose* or *constitute* or just *are*.
- Deputy *District Attorney* Roxane Carvajal (Metro). Abbreviate: *Dist. Atty.*
- [they] either fell or *dove* . . . (Orange County). *dived*.
- the Rev.* Theodore M. Hesburgh (View). *Father*.
- the Ventura County supeintendent of schools *have* received (Ventura County). *has*.
- the designated *land use* (Ventura County). Hyphenate: *land-use*.
- SCUD* missiles (Times Magazine). It is not an acronym: *Scud*.
- the company *which* licenses the play (Calendar). *that*.
- Teamsters *union* (Business). Capitalize: *Union*.
- neither Schembechler nor Jim Campbell . . . *were* . . . (Sports). *was*.
- graffiti *was* written . . . (Metro, Oct. 1). *were*.

SPELLING:

- [novelist] *Brett* Easton Ellis (View). *Bret*.
- Cal Tech* (North County Focus). One word: *Caltech*.
- joined the Catholic *church* (Valley View). Capitalize: *Church*.
- Coca Cola* U.S.A. (Ventura County). Hyphenate: *Coca-Cola*.
- erector-set* complexes (Business). It's a trade name: *Erector Set*.
- Moscow Mayor *Gavril* Popov (Opinion). *Gavril*.
- Guiness* [ale] (North County Focus). *Guinness*.
- high holy days* (Calendar). Capitalize: *High Holy Days*.
- hula hoop* (Valley Business). It's a trade name; capitalize: *Hula Hoop*.
- John *Le Carre* (OC Live!). Lowercase: *le Carre*.

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- Forest Lawn Memorial Park and Mortuary (Times Magazine). Hyphen in this name only: *Memorial-Park*.
- Moldovians . . . Uzbeckis (Opinion). *Moldovans . . . Uzbeks*.
- ping pong balls (San Diego Calendar). It's a trade name: *Ping-Pong*.
- Puccinelli Gallery (Ventura County Life). *Puccinelli*.
- Sears Roebuck and Co. (Food). Note comma and ampersand: *Sears, Roebuck & Co.*
- sheriff's department (Orange County View). Capitalize: *Sheriff's Department*.
- [J.F.K. aide] Ted Sorenson (National). *Sorenson*.
- Secretary of Veterans' Affairs [Derwinski] (Foreign). No apostrophe: *Veterans*.
- [the Oscar Mayer] Weinermobile (Metro). *Wienermobile*.
- Villerbaunne, France (Sports). *Villeurbanne*.

- air-brushed (North County Focus). One word: *airbrushed*.
- aka [also known as] (Metro). Note periods: *a.k.a.*
- anti-depressant . . . anti-viral (Orange County Business). One word: *antidepressant . . . antiviral*.
- audio tapes (View). *audiotapes*.
- a ball-point pen (Calendar). *ballpoint*.
- blue collar workers (North County Focus). Hyphenate: *blue-collar*.
- brand new (TV Times). *brand-new*.
- osso bucco (North County Focus). *buco*.
- campisino (Opinion). *campesino*.
- the neighborhood carrys on (Orange County View). *carries*.
- counter-charges (View). *countercharges*.
- deep fried (North County Focus). Hyphenate: *deep-fried*.
- descendents (Travel). *descendants*.
- dindin (Orange County Calendar). Hyphenate: *din-din*.
- faint-hearted (Calendar). One word: *fainthearted*.
- field work (Orange County). *fieldwork*.
- foot-loose (OC Live!). *footloose*.
- in the frig (Calendar). *fridge*.
- great aunt (Travel). Hyphenate: *great-aunt*.
- half-brothers (Metro). No hyphen: *half brothers*.
- hand-picked (Metro, Calendar). One word: *handpicked*.
- hand-made (View). *handmade*.
- hay rides (Travel). *hayrides*.
- home-made (Calendar). *homemade*.
- hot-headedness (Calendar). *hotheadedness*.
- industry-wide (Travel). *industrywide*.
- inter-office memos (Valley Sports). *interoffice*.
- job seekers (Orange County Business). Hyphenate: *job-seekers*.
- law books (Metro). One word: *lawbooks*.
- lightening-fast flashes (Business). *lightning*.
- long-time [as adjective] (North County Focus, Calendar). One word: *longtime*.
- minimals (Calendar). Hyphenate: *mini-malls*.
- National Anthem (Metro). Lowercase: *national anthem*.
- omeletes (North County Focus). *omelets*.
- paper-work (Business). One word: *paperwork*.
- veal piccate (OC Live!). *piccata*.
- pussy-foot (San Diego Calendar). *pussyfoot*.
- nerve-wracking (Orange County Sports). *racking*.
- a rundown . . . motel (San Diego). Hyphenate the adjective: *run-down*.
- school girl (Orange County). One word: *schoolgirl*.
- self directed (Business). Hyphenate: *self-directed*.
- several fold (Orange County). One word: *severalfold*.
- shiitaki mushrooms (North County Focus). *shiitake*.
- side-splitting (Sports). One word: *sidesplitting*.
- stick-ups . . . line-ups (San Diego). *stickups . . . lineups*.
- swear words (Metro). *swearwords*.
- thunder claps (Orange County View). *thunderclaps*.
- make [him] tow the line (Metro). *toe*.
- vice regal (Calendar). One word: *viceregal*.
- video tape (Metro). *videotape*.
- warm-blooded (Calendar). *warmblooded*.
- wise-cracking (Calendar). *wisecracking*.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- the *l'affaire Dreyfus* (Southeast). The use of *the* and *l'* is redundant; make it either *the Dreyfus affair* or *l'affaire Dreyfus*.

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Style & Usage Report

Oct. 17, 1991

Another sporadic report. This report covers Oct. 2-4, Oct. 6 and Oct. 9.

IMPLY/INFER:

- Another frequently confused couple of words. There is a tendency to use *infer* when *imply* is intended. To *imply* is to suggest something; to *infer* is to pick up on such a suggestion.
- When you *imply* something, you are saying something indirectly and expecting that your listener will understand. If a person says he is going to skip lunch, he may be *implying* that he is also going to leave work early; if you hear him say it you might *infer* what he is *implying*.

His coolness *implied* not only his anger but also his effort to keep it under control.
She *inferred* from his coolness not only his anger but also his control of it.
His appearance *implied* that he intended to be a candidate; at least, that was what most of the press corps *inferred*.
- When you *imply* something, you are making an *implication*; when you *infer* something you are making an *inference*.

FACTS:

- introducing the *High Skills, Competitive Workforce Act* ((Business). The measure hasn't been passed yet, so it's a *bill*, not an *act*; and it's lowercase.
- working their bodkins off* (Ventura County Life). *Bodkins* are needles or knives. How you would work them off is a baffler.
- Gen. George G. Marshall (Book Review). The World War II general's initial is *C*. (for *Catlett*).
- Rep. Ron Packard (R-Oceanside) (San Diego). *Carlsbad*.
- The Great Wall of China . . . 33,000 miles long (Book Review). This is greater than the circumference of the Earth. The Great Wall is 1,500 miles long.
- Moses ben Nahman*, the philosopher known in Hebrew as *Nahmanides* (Travel). His Hebrew name was *Moses ben Nahman* [son of Nahman]; *Nahmanides* is the Greek form of the same name.
- a *preying* mantis (Ventura County Life). The insect is a *praying* mantis, so called because its forelegs are held as if in prayer.
- Carl Covitz, *secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency* (Metro). He isn't secretary of the agency; he's *secretary of business, transportation and housing*.
- Louis W. Sullivan, *secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services* (Op-Ed). He isn't secretary of the department; he's *secretary of health and human services*.
- The Los Angeles Times* (Calendar). We don't cap *the* in the full name; but it's *The Times*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- looks *like* it's packed (Metro). *as if*. The same error appeared in both View and Sports on the same day.
- the L.A. *basin* (Metro). Capitalize: *Basin*.
- differences *in* [some] rocks *versus* [others] (San Gabriel). *between . . . and*.
- city of angels* (Sports). Capitalize nicknames: *City of Angels*.
- the men who *extorted* her ex-husband (Orange County). *People* are not *extorted*; *things* are *extorted* from them.
- the San Gabriel *fault* (San Gabriel). Capitalize: *Fault*.
- died *from* the fatal disease (San Gabriel). *of*.
- convinced* [him] to run . . . (San Diego Sports). *persuaded*.
- Styrofoam* . . . cups (Valley View). Dow Chemical doesn't make cups: *plastic foam*.
- Turkish *president* Turgut Ozal (Business). Capitalize: *President*.
- a *Presidential* veto (Business). Lowercase: *presidential*.
- our cups *runneth* over (Orange County Sports). *Runneth* is a singular verb form: *run*.
- ideas *which* became common currency (View). *that*.
- Telacu* (San Gabriel). It's an acronym: *TELACU*.

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- a 22-caliber handgun (Sports). Note period: .22-caliber.
- who neither [he] nor the company will name (Business). whom.

SPELLING:

- [skater] Tai *Babalonia* (View). *Babilonia*.
- Columbia* [the nation] (Calendar). *Colombia*.
- Gainesville*, Fla. (OC Live!). *Gainesville*.
- Hell's Angels* (Calendar). No apostrophe: *Hells*.
- [singer] Billie *Holliday* (Ventura County Life). *Holiday*.
- Lansdown, Penn.* (Orange County Calendar). *Lansdowne, Pa.*
- [fashion designer] *Lily Dache* (Calendar). *Lilly*.
- Fountain Valley Police Chief *Elven* Miali (Metro). *Elvin*.
- McDonnell-Douglas* (Op-Ed). No hyphen: *McDonnell Douglas*.
- Moscovite* (San Diego). *Muscovite*.
- Moslem* (Calendar). *Muslim*.
- Wertheim *Schroeder* [securities] (Business). *Schroder*.
- Sufferen*, N.Y. (Metro). *Suffern*.
- [author] Studs *Turkel* (Calendar). *Terkel*.
- Viet Nam* (Book Review). One word: *Vietnam*.
- Swinerton & Wallberg [builders] (San Gabriel). *Walberg*.

- acre foot . . . acre feet* (Southeast). Hyphenate: *acre-foot . . . acre-feet*.
- an *arms-length* relationship (Business). Note apostrophe: *arm's-length*.
- ball-handler* (Orange County Sports). One word: *ballhandler*.
- blood-letting* (Food). One word: *bloodletting*.
- box-like* (North County Focus). *boxlike*.
- car pooling* (Metro). Hyphenate: *car-pooling*.
- cat-like* (Ventura County). One word: *catlike*.
- chaparrel* (Travel). *chaparral*.
- cold-blooded* (Ventura County). One word: *coldblooded*.
- day break* (Travel). *daybreak*.
- deep fried* (OC Live!). Hyphenate: *deep-fried*.
- extra wide docks* (Orange County View). Hyphenate: *extra-wide*.
- first-hand* experience (Metro). One word: *firsthand*.
- gap-toothed* (Foreign). *gaptoothed*.
- half-brothers* (San Gabriel). No hyphen: *half brothers*.
- hand-picked* (Opinion). One word: *handpicked*.
- an airplane *hanger* (North County Focus). *hangar*.
- hokey pokey* (Orange County). One word: *hokeypokey*.
- horse flesh* (Foreign). *horseflesh*.
- kidnapping* (View). *kidnaping*.
- light years from . . .* (Orange County View). Hyphenate: *light-years*.
- wearing no *make-up* (Calendar). One word: *makeup*.
- mid-day* (Sports). *midday*.
- mountain-top* (Calendar). *mountaintop*.
- mud flows* continue to . . . (Foreign). *mudflows*.
- muzzle loaders* (Ventura County Life). *muzzleloaders*.
- oompah-pa* (OC Live!). *oom-pah-pah*.
- pain-killers* (Metro). One word: *painkillers*.
- recession-wracked* (Business). *racked*.
- re-election* (Editorial Pages). One word: *reelection*.
- reknowned* (National). *renowned*.
- sizeable* (Orange County). *sizable*.
- snow-capped* [mountains] (National). *snowcapped*.
- apple *strudle* (OC Live!). *strudel*.
- teen-aged* girls (Travel). *teen-age*.
- teeny boppers* (Calendar). Hyphenate: *teeny-boppers*.
- previously *unheard of* goods (Foreign). *unheard-of*.
- warm-hearted* (Metro, Calendar). One word: *warmhearted*.
- whole-heartededly* (Calendar). *wholeheartedly*.
- work day* (San Diego Sports). *workday*.
- year-long* (Travel). *yearlong*.

ANOTHER Dangler:

- Unlike *Philharmonic* concerts, patrons are . . . (Calendar). This compares *concerts* and *patrons*, which makes no sense. Make it: *Unlike those at Philharmonic concerts, patrons . . .*

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Style & Usage Report

Nov. 28, 1991

Another sporadic report. These examples are drawn from the period from Nov. 14 through Nov. 21.

AVERSE/ADVERSE:

- [she's] not *adverse* to the job (Food). *averse*.
- This example from last summer illustrates the problem: The spellings are very much alike, and the two words are frequently used as if they were synonyms. *Averse* means reluctant or disinclined; *adverse* means unfavorable or harmful or opposed.
- He has been working under *adverse* circumstances and he is *averse* to continuing to do so.
- Bill Bryson, author of "The Facts on File Dictionary of Troublesome Words," which is the best recent book of its kind, suggests that an uncertain writer might think of the words *aversion* and *adversary* that would direct him to the proper adjective. Both words are preferably followed by the preposition *to* when appropriate.
- She is not *averse* to having a drink before dinner.
- The conditions were *adverse* to his receiving his degree.
- He had an *adverse* reaction to the drug.
- They were not *averse* to attending two meetings in one day.
- The incident affected him *adversely*.

FACTS:

- "Down *Argentina* Way" [1940 movie] (Orange County Calendar, Nov. 20). *Argentine*.
- she found [him] sitting in a pool of *diarrhea* (Westside). Diarrhea is a condition, not a substance. This should have been *excrement* or, perhaps, *body waste*.
- State University of New York at *Stonebrook* (Valley Calendar). *Stony Brook*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- like* in March (Ventura County Life). *as*.
- it *cannot only* slow the progress . . . but also reverse it (Metro). This *not* modifies the *only*, not the *can: can not only*.
- we will *comprise* half the work force (Times Magazine). *compose* or *constitute*.
- the only *criteria* . . . is . . . (Orange County View). *criterion*.
- who was diagnosed with* [AIDS] (Westside). *Conditions* are diagnosed, not people. Make it: *whose condition was diagnosed as AIDS*.
- the stock market *dove* (Orange County Business). *dived*.
- memorabilia that *includes* . . . (Calendar). *include*.
- the width . . . or the legroom *are* . . . (Travel). *is*. (Or, perhaps better: *and* instead of *or*.)
- convinced* him to play football (San Diego Sports). *persuaded*.
- convincing* President Bush to . . . (National). *persuading*.
- prohibition*-era nightclubs (OC Live!). Capitalize: *Prohibition*.
- trodding* on his rights (Metro). *treading*.
- none of the toys . . . *was* recalled (Business). *were*.
- to oppose *whomever* is in charge (View). *whoever*.

SPELLING:

- Edgar *Allen* Poe (Ventura County Life). *Allan*.
- Anza Borrego* Desert State Park (North County Focus). Hyphenate: *Anza-Borrego*.

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- Assemblywoman Marguerite *Archie Hudson* (Metro). Hyphenate: *Archie-Hudson*.
- Louisville *Courier Journal* (Sports). Hyphenate: *Courier-Journal*.
- day-glo* (View). It's a brand name: *Day-Glo*.
- Encyclopedi*a Britannica (National). In this name only: *Encyclopaedia*.
- Kidder Peabody & Co.* (Orange County Business). Note comma: *Kidder, Peabody*.
- “*Laugh In*” [the TV show] (Calendar). Hyphenate: “*Laugh-In*.”
- [actress] *Marriette Hartley* (Times Magazine). *Marriette*.
- Mercedes Benz* (Metro). Hyphenate: *Mercedes-Benz*.
- Stanley *Scheinbaum* [Police Commission president] (Metro). *Scheinbaum*.
- Sisyphus* [mythological figure] (North County Focus). *Sisyphus*.
- [evangelist] Jimmy *Swaggert* (Ventura County Life). *Swaggart*.
- Mother *Theresa* (San Diego). *Teresa*.
- Veteran's Day (Business). No apostrophe: *Veterans*.

- after-effects* (Metro). One word: *aftereffects*.
- a *bare bones* . . . explanation (Orange County Calendar). Hyphenate: *bare-bones*.
- birth rate* (Metro). One word: *birthrate*.
- boarding house* (OC Live!). *boardinghouse*.
- board room* (Metro, Editorial Page). *boardroom*.
- osso bucco* (North County Focus). *buco*.
- bus boy* (Book Review). One word: *busboy*.
- coffee pot* (Food). *coffeepot*.
- combating* (Book Review). *combatting*.
- hair has been *died* (Calendar). *dyed*.
- dying* their hair (Calendar). *dyeing*.
- farm hand* (Book Review). One word: *farmhand*.
- first-hand* [as adjective] (Book Review, National, South Bay Sports). *firsthand*.
- hand-written* (Book Review). *handwritten*.
- heart beat* (Orange County Sports). *heartbeat*.
- [they] could *ill-afford* to . . . (Glendale). No hyphen: *ill afford*.
- land grabbers* (Times Magazine). Hyphenate: *land-grabbers*.
- leak-proof* (Business). One word: *leakproof*.
- a *long-time* promoter (Orange County Sports). *longtime*.
- malleable* (Calendar). *malleable*.
- nerve-wracking* (Calendar). *nerve-racking*.
- night club* (San Diego View). One word: *nightclub*.
- an *odd-ball* choice (Ventura County Life). *oddball*.
- post-war* (Metro). *postwar*.
- rose bush* (San Diego Calendar). *rosebush*.
- school houses* (OC Home Design). *schoolhouses*.
- school work* (San Diego Sports). *schoolwork*.
- stepping-stone* (Orange County Sports). *steppingstone*.
- sub-regional* (Business). *subregional*.
- taxible* (Business). *taxable*.
- tax deductible* (Business). Hyphenate: *tax-deductible*.
- tea room* (Calendar). One word: *tearoom*.
- tight-fitting* (Food). *tightfitting*.
- transferred* (National). *transferred*.
- water color* (Orange County View). One word: *watercolor*.
- wise-cracking* (Calendar). *wisecracking*.

UPDATE:

- the West Coast *debut* of . . . a comic operetta (Ventura County). *Debuts* are made by young women being presented to society or by performers making a first appearance. A play, a movie or a musical work has a *premiere*, which is what should have been used here.

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Style & Usage Report

Dec. 6, 1991

Another sporadic report. These examples are drawn from the period from Nov. 22 through Nov. 29.

DEFUSE/DIFFUSE:

—Two more words that are too often confused:

A pipe bomb was *diffused* (Orange County). *defused*.

—That is a fairly old example but it's a good one. To *diffuse* means "to spread out or disperse in every direction; spread or scatter widely." To *defuse*, originally meaning to remove the fuse from an explosive device, has come to also mean "to render harmless . . . to make less tense, as by diplomacy":

The rumors were rapidly *diffused* throughout the city.

His quick action *defused* a dangerous situation.

The ambassador's words *defused* the Middle East crisis.

FACTS:

- Julius Caesar . . . the Roman emperor* (Ventura County). Julius Caesar was never emperor; the first emperor was his adopted son, *Augustus*.
- U.S. Rep. Duncan L. Hunter (R-San Diego). (Metro). *Coronado*.
- Rep. Peter Stark (D-Calif.) (Business). He prefers—and we use—*Pete*, and he's from *Oakland*. (His first name is actually *Fortney*; *Pete* is a nickname.)
- each chapter *builds on the next* (View). This seems like an impossibility. Surely it should be: *builds on the previous one*.
- New York's Stonybrook University* (Travel). It's the *State University of New York at Stony Brook*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- amalgamous* (View). *amalgamative*.
- his chain of . . . stores is *in shambles* (Business). *a shambles*.
- like* Jacksonian Democrats were . . . (Book Review). *as*.
- looks *like* it could have . . . (OC Live!). *as if*.
- blacks *comprise* 2% of [the] population (Ventura County). *compose* or *constitute*.
- they *comprise* the . . . front line (Orange County Sports). *compose* or *constitute*.
- Thanksgiving day* (Metro). Capitalize: *Day*.
- the federal *department* of Housing and Urban Development (View). Capitalize: *Department*.
- [poet] *e. e. cummings* (Calendar). The poet uppercased his own name, and his widow has written that he preferred it that way: *E. E. Cummings*.
- guesting* . . . in Brussels (Calendar). Try to avoid the use of *guest* as a verb.
- talking about *him* being a one-term governor (Metro). *his*.
- each of whom held *key Senate posts* (Metro). *a key Senate post*.
- bacteria . . . *permeates* (Valley Sports). *permeate*.
- one of those . . . systems that *promises* . . . (Business). *promise*.
- not being named *Secretary of State* (Book Review). Lowercase: *secretary of state*.
- South Seas islander* (TV Times). *South Sea Islander*.
- who* authorities arrested (Metro). *whom*.
- a friend *who* [he] shot (Valley). *whom*.
- most of *who* have . . . (Orange County). *whom*.

SPELLING:

- Sen. Pete *Dominici* (Business). *Domenici*.
- [artist] *Fredric* Remington (Valley Calendar). *Frederic*.
- U.S. District Judge John *Garret* Penn (National). *Garrett*.
- Gerard, Klauer, Mattison* [brokerage] (Business). No commas: *Gerard Klauer Mattison*.
- Harlon Lebo* [writer] (Calendar). *Harlan*.
- Ted Kopple* (Opinion). *Koppel*.
- Keystone Cops* (Orange County). *Kops*.

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- Charles Kurault (Metro). *Kuralt*.
- the *Macabees* [ancient Hebrew family] (Holidays in the Valley). *Maccabees*.
- Neiman-Marcus* (Holidays in the Valley). They've dropped the hyphen: *Neiman Marcus*.
- [artist] Georgia O'Keefe (Holidays in the Valley). *O'Keeffe*.
- op-ed* (San Diego Business). Capitalize: *Op-Ed*.
- American Newspaper *Publisher's Assn.* (Business). No apostrophe: *Publishers*.
- Rolls Royce* (Business). Hyphenate: *Rolls-Royce*.
- Smith Barney Harris Upham* [securities] (Business). Note comma: *Smith Barney, Harris Upham*.
- Dr. Suess (View). *Seuss*.
- Time-Warner* Inc. (Business). No hyphen: *Time Warner*.
- Yokohoma* (Calendar). *Yokohama*.

- aodai* [traditional Vietnamese dress] (View). Two words: *ao dai*.
- arch-rival* (Business). One word: *archrival*.
- audio tape* (Holidays in the Valley). *audiotape*.
- blood-letting* (Book Review). *bloodletting*.
- business-like* (Orange County Sports). *businesslike*.
- candle holders* (South Bay). *candleholders*.
- the *church-going* family (Valley). *churchgoing*.
- clean-shaven* (Ventura County). *cleanshaven*.
- deep fried* (Food). Hyphenate: *deep-fried*.
- drop-out* (Book Review). One word: *dropout*.
- drought tolerant* (Real Estate). Hyphenate: *drought-tolerant*.
- extention* (Ventura County). *extension*.
- far-sighted* (Foreign). One word: *farsighted*.
- fire fighters* (Metro). *firefighters*.
- fish hooks* (Calendar). *fishhooks*.
- free-wheeling* (National). *freewheeling*.
- hand-crafted* (Ventura County Life). *handcrafted*.
- hand-written* (Valley Sports, Valley Calendar). *handwritten*.
- hard working* people (Metro). Hyphenate: *hard-working*.
- heart-warming* (Calendar). One word: *heartwarming*.
- coffee klatch* (Times Magazine, San Diego). *kaffeeklatsch*.
- kilowatt hour* (Business). Hyphenate: *kilowatt-hour*.
- items on *lay-a-way* (Business). One word: *layaway*.
- loin-cloth* (Sports). *loincloth*.
- mementoes* (South Bay). *mementos*.
- night-club* (Book Review). One word: *nightclub*.
- pitch black* (Metro). Hyphenate: *pitch-black*.
- po boy* (Calendar). Note apostrophe: *po' boy*.
- pot-bellied* (Holidays in the Valley). One word: *potbellied*.
- wracked* with asthma (Calendar). *racked*.
- nerve-wracking* (Calendar). *racking*.
- pot-bellied* (San Gabriel). One word: *potbellied*.
- shell-shocked* (South Bay). *shellshocked*.
- sky diving* (Orange County). Hyphenate: *sky-diving*.
- stepping stone* (Orange County View). One word: *steppingstone*.
- stop-gap* measures (Orange County). *stopgap*.
- sugar plum* (Metro, South Bay). *sugarplum*.
- super-power* (San Diego Business). *superpower*.
- tea pots* (Calendar). *teapots*.
- doing *there* own thing (San Diego Calendar). *their*.
- tranquility* (Calendar). *tranquillity*.

UPDATE:

- In keeping with the Second College Edition of the dictionary, our stylebook calls for lowercasing *yule* and *yuletide*. The Third College Edition, however, which has finally been entirely inserted into our Coyote listings, prescribes *Yule* and *Yuletide*. Please make the change in your stylebooks.

MEA CULPA:

- It is particularly embarrassing to make a factual error while pointing out another one. The Nov. 21 report, while correctly saying that Hoover was not president in 1921-22, managed to goof by saying he was elected president in 1932. It was, of course, 1928 when Hoover was elected. Ouch.

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Style & Usage Report

Dec. 12, 1991

This report covers the period from Dec. 1 through Dec. 5.

NERVE-RACKING; RACK/WRACK:

—The confusion of *rack* and *wrack*, particularly in the word *nerve-racking*, is one of our most common errors. Since June:

nerve-wracking (Calendar). *nerve-racking*.
recession-wracked (Business). *recession-racked*.
nerve-wracking (Orange County Sports). *nerve-racking*.
wracked by scandal (San Diego). *racked*.
wracked with despair (Times Magazine). *racked*.
wracked by gang violence (Southeast). *racked*.
budget-wracked (Opinion). *budget-racked*.
wracked by crises (Book Review). *racked*.
tensions *wracked* the city (View). *racked*.

—A *rack* is a framework. We hang things on racks, and people were stretched on them as a form of torture in the Middle Ages. Our nerves are *racked*; we are *racked* by the recession, by gang violence, with anguish or despair:

He was *racked* with indecision.
... body all achin' and *racked* with pain.

—A *wrack* is a wreck. The word is rarely used today. Some dictionaries describe it as an alternate spelling of *rack*, but it is best regarded as acceptable only in the phrase *wrack and ruin*.

FACTS:

—*Department of Transportation Secretary* Samuel K. Skinner (National). Skinner is *secretary of transportation*, not secretary of the department.
—*20th Century-Fox* (Westside). The company has dropped the hyphen: *20th Century Fox*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

—the criteria . . . *is* (Ventura County). *are*.
—*art deco* (Ventura County Life). Capitalize: *Art Deco*.
—it looked *like* the [situation] would . . . (Foreign). *as if*.
—Bush's attempts . . . *becomes* (Opinion). *become*.
—the beginner's group (North County Focus). *beginners'*.
—the *calloused* heart (Op-Ed). *callous* or, perhaps, *callused*.
—the local *causes celebre* (Metro). In this French phrase, the adjective *celebre* has to agree with the plural *causes*; make it: *causes celebres*.
—the interviews *comprise* a fascinating study (Book Review). *compose*.
—Oxnard's Mexican *Consul* (Ventura County). Lowercase: *consul*.
—Aswan *dam* (National). Capitalize: *Dam*.
—the *east side* of New York (Calendar). Capitalize: *East Side*.
—his unsuitability *to* the role (Calendar). *for*.
—none of this . . . *have* interfered (Opinion). *has*.
—one in three . . . *are* women (View). *is a woman*.
—*lesser-regulated* cities (Orange County Business). *less regulated*.
—died *from* head injuries (San Diego). *of*.
—*press secretary* Marlin Fitzwater (Business). Capitalize: *Press Secretary*.
—neither the script nor Soderberg *seem* capable (Calendar). *seems*.
—the [Los Angeles] Times' report (National). Capitalize: *The*.
—forbidden . . . *from using* . . . (Orange County Sports). *to use*.
—*.12-gauge* shotgun (Metro). No decimal point: *12-gauge*.
—*11th U.S.* Circuit Court of Appeals (Metro). *U.S. 11th*.
—the Berlin *wall* (View). Capitalize: *Wall*.
—Boo! to whomever programmed . . . (TV Times). *whoever*.
—. . . Sununu, *who* many blame for . . . (National). *whom*.

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SPELLING:

- Sir *Basic* Zaharoff [arms dealer] (Book Review). *Basil*.
- Yvonne *Braithwaite* Burke (Metro). *Brathwaite*.
- Bullocks* (Business). Note apostrophe: *Bullock's*. But it's *Bullocks Wilshire*.
- Agora Hills City Manager David *Carmanny* (Valley). *Carmany*.
- Dayton-Hudson* Corp. (Business). The firm has dropped the hyphen: *Dayton Hudson*.
- Rio de *Janiero* (Business). *Janeiro*.
- [former Singapore Prime Minister] Lee *Kwan* Yew (National). *Kuan*.
- Lauren *Hutton* (Book Review). *Hutton*.
- Marriot* [hotel] (Calendar). *Marriott*.
- Mexican-American* Legal Defense and Educational Fund (Orange County). No hyphen in this name: *Mexican American*.
- Pac-Tel* Cellular (Ventura County). One word: *PacTel*.
- popsicle* (Book Review). Capitalize the brand name: *Popsicle*.
- [Martin] *Scorsese* (Ventura County Life). *Scorsese*.
- Asahi *Shimbun* [Japanese newspaper] (Foreign). *Shimbun*.
- Ukrainian* (Metro). *Ukrainian*.
- Wedgwood* blue (Foreign). *Wedgwood*.
- the Tin Woodsman [in "The Wizard of Oz"] (Ventura County). *Woodman*.

- al fresco* diners (Metro). One word: *alfresco*.
- audio tapes* (National). *audiotapes*.
- blood-stained* (View). *bloodstained*.
- camp fire* (Metro). *campfire*.
- cancelled* (Times Magazine). *canceled*.
- chicken pox* (National). One word: *chickenpox*.
- choir boys* (View). *choirboys*.
- class consciousness* (Foreign). Hyphenate: *class-consciousness*.
- cooly* (Calendar). *coolly*.
- counter-offensive* (Book Review). One word: *counteroffensive*.
- cul de sac* (Metro). Hyphenate: *cul-de-sac*.
- deep fried* (North County Focus). *deep-fried*.
- to *drop kick* (Orange County Sports). *drop-kick*.
- earrings* (Ventura County). *earrings*.
- extra curricular* (North County Focus). One word: *extracurricular*.
- feather-bedding* (San Diego Calendar). *featherbedding*.
- his *fiance* (Foreign). *fiancee*.
- free-wheeling* (View). One word: *freewheeling*.
- frost-bite* (Foreign). *frostbite*.
- god-like* (Foreign). *godlike*.
- half-brother* (TV Times). Two words: *half brother*.
- home-made* (Times Magazine). One word: *homemade*.
- johnny cake* (North County Focus). *johnnycake*.
- long-time* [as adjective] (View, San Diego Calendar). *longtime*.
- pawn shops* (Orange County View). *pawnshops*.
- post-war* (National, Food). *postwar*.
- the *principle* weakness of the book (Book Review). *principal*.
- robin's egg* blue (Food). Hyphenate: *robin's-egg*.
- play an important *roll* (View). *role*.
- to *red-shirt* this season (Orange County Sports). One word: *redshirt*.
- [he] *revelled* in praise (Foreign). *reveled*.
- road work* (National). One word: *roadwork*.
- snow storm* (View). *snowstorm*.
- he isn't *street smart* (Times Magazine). Hyphenate: *street-smart*.
- table-top* (Calendar). One word: *tabletop*.
- tax deductible* (Real Estate). Hyphenate: *tax-deductible*.
- tranquility* (View). *tranquillity*.
- war-time* (San Diego). One word: *wartime*.
- window shopping* (Book Review). Hyphenate: *window-shopping*.
- work week* (Westside). One word: *workweek*.
- world-wide* (National). *worldwide*.

UPDATE:

- In keeping with his stated preference, we are changing our style on the name of the new U.N. secretary general. It's now: *Boutros Boutros-Ghali*.
- Please note these changes in congressional offices: Ron Packard (R-Oceanside) and Esteban E. Torres (D-Pico Rivera).
- The former Soviet republic of the *Ukraine* has changed its name with its declaration of independence; it's now just *Ukraine*.

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Style & Usage Report

Jan. 10, 1992

This report is a very sporadic one: It draws from the period from Dec. 21 through Jan. 3, but not all days.

MASTERFUL/MASTERLY:

- There's a difference and it's worth noting:
- Masterful* means domineering or commanding:
He took charge in a *masterful* manner.
His *masterful* approach led the company to new heights.
- Masterly* means highly skilled or expert:
His writing showed a *masterly* knowledge of the language.
The painting had the *masterly* touch of a great artist.

FACTS:

- [Christopher Columbus a] *Spanish aristocrat* (View). Columbus was an *Italian*, born in Genoa; his family came of relatively humble background: His father was a *weaver* who owned a wine shop.
- Richard Thornburgh* (Opinion). He uses—and we call him—*Dick*.
- en toto* (Calendar). It's a Latin phrase, not a Spanish one: *in toto*.
- Silver Springs*, Md. (Business). *Spring*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- ace* bandage (Metro1). It's a trade name; capitalize: *Ace*.
- Their pride and skill *is* recalled (Metro1). *are*.
- look *like* he's waiting (Calendar). *as if*.
- we feel *like* we are . . . (OC Live!). *as if*.
- a bomb that . . . experts *diffused* (View). *defused*.
- CIA *director* Robert M. Gates (Foreign). Capitalize: *Director*.
- father-in-laws* (North County Focus). *fathers-in-law*.
- the *free world* (Foreign). Capitalize: *Free World*.
- neither Yaroslavsky nor the council *have* . . . (Metro). *has*.
- the public *have* lost interest (Metro). *has*.
- ome of those few cities that still *has* . . . (Travel). *have*.
- its* . . . the fast-food window . . . (OC Live!). Note apostrophe: *it's*.
- convinced* [her] to give up . . . (View). *persuaded*.
- Porterhouse* [steak] (North County Focus). Lowercase: *porterhouse*.
- South Central* Los Angeles (Metro). Hyphenate: *South-Central*.
- forbids anyone *from using* . . . (View). *to use*.
- vitamin C* (Times Magazine). Capitalize: *Vitamin*.
- denied that he or Bylan *were members* (Orange County). *was a member*.
- graffiti . . . *was* found (Orange County). *were*.
- somebody . . . *who* the orchestra worships. (Calendar). *whom*.

SPELLING:

- Alpha Romeo* [automobile] (Ventura County). *Alfa*.
- Batelle* research institute (Editorial Pages). *Battelle*.
- Buford*, S.C. (Calendar). South Carolinians pronounce it *Bufort*, but it's spelled *Beaufort*.
- Bethune Cookman* College (Sports). Hyphenate: *Bethune-Cookman*.
- Bogota, *Columbia* (Orange County). *Colombia*.
- Diane Feinstein* (National). *Dianne*.
- Joseph Stalin* (Calendar). *Josef*.
- Andrew Lloyd *Weber* (Calendar). *Webber*.

—*air-headed* (OC Live!). One word: *airheaded*.

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- anti-climactic* (Metro). *anticlimactic*.
- back-breaking* labor (Foreign1). *backbreaking*.
- ball-carriers* (Sports). *ballcarriers*.
- ball club* (Sports). *ballclub*.
- ball player* (OC Live!). *ballplayer*.
- a bare bones* proposal (Metro). Hyphenate: *bare-bones*.
- bare-headed* (Orange County). One word: *bareheaded*.
- bar-hoppers* (National). *barhoppers*.
- blood-sucking* (Calendar). *bloodsucking*.
- car washes* (Book Review). *carwashes*.
- city-wide* (National). *citywide*.
- cold-blooded* (Calendar). *coldblooded*.
- cole slaw* (OC Live!). *coleslaw*.
- cook books* (North County Focus). *cookbooks*.
- free-wheeling* (Calendar). *freewheeling*.
- good looking* (Calendar). Hyphenate: *good-looking*.
- hand-crafted* (View). One word: *handcrafted*.
- hand-off* (San Diego Calendar). *handoff*.
- he hunts and *hordes* (National). *hoards*.
- hour-long* (North County Focus). One word: *hourlong*.
- ice cold* beer (Sports). Hyphenate: *ice-cold*.
- inter-office* (Calendar). One word: *interoffice*.
- la-dee-da* (Book Review). *la-di-da*.
- land mass* (Metro). One word: *landmass*.
- light-hearted* (San Diego Calendar). *lighthearted*.
- [a] *long-time* friend (Calendar). *longtime*.
- memento*es (South Bay). *mementos*.
- mid-air* (Sports). One word: *midair*.
- migrane* headaches (Metro). *migraine*.
- meagre* (Calendar). *meager*.
- over-aggressive* (Sports). One word: *overaggressive*.
- over-dressed* (San Diego Sports). *overdressed*.
- dangled from a long *poll* (Travel). *pole*.
- pop-eyed* (Metro). One word: *popeyed*.
- post-operative* (San Diego Sports). *postoperative*.
- self esteem* (North County Focus). Hyphenate: *self-esteem*.
- snake bites* (Metro). One word: *snakebites*.
- space ship* (Metro). *spaceship*.
- stained glass* ceiling (OC Home Design). Hyphenate: *stained-glass*.
- table top* (OC Home Design). One word: *tabletop*.
- unnecessary* (Sports). *unnecessary*.
- wise-cracking* (Calendar). One word: *wisecracking*.
- woolly* (Orange County). *woolly*.
- work weeks* (Calendar). One word: *workweeks*.
- wrist band* (Sports). *wristband*.
- wrong-headed* (San Diego). *wrongheaded*.
- wrought iron* railings (San Diego View). Hyphenate: *wrought-iron*.
- zoot suiters* (View). *zoot-suiters*.

UPDATE:

- More from the Commonwealth of Independent States: The state of *Tadzhikistan*, so spelled in the Dec. 30 report, is now spelled *Tajikistan*, and the adjective is *Tajik*.
- The head of the Russian Orthodox Church is the *Patriarch Alexi*, not *Alexei*.
- Be prepared: There will be more such updates.

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Style & Usage Report

Jan. 15, 1992

This report covers the period from Jan. 4 through Jan. 9.

CEMENT/CONCRETE:

- The difference between these two nouns has become increasingly blurred, but there really is a difference and, as William Safire has written, "a worthy distinction deserves all the protection it can get."
- Cement* is a powdery substance used in the making of *concrete*, and its use as a synonym for the latter is "a loose usage," Webster's New World tells us. It is also sometimes an adhesive substance, as in *rubber cement*.
- Concrete* is a building material made of *cement*, sand, gravel and water.
- There are other uses:
- Cement* is sometimes a verb meaning to unite or to solidify; it is sometimes figurative: Her kind words *cemented* their relationship.
- Concrete* is sometimes a figurative adjective: The investigators could find nothing *concrete* to charge him with; a *concrete* noun.

FACTS:

- Robinson *Jeffers*' . . . adaptation (Calendar). The poet's name was *Jeffers*; the possessive form is *Jeffers'*.
- Congressional Medal of Honor* (Valley View). It's just the *Medal of Honor*.
- Assemblyman *Dick Floyd* (Metro). *Richard E.*
- Sen. *Ed Davis* (R-Northridge) (Metro). *Santa Clarita*.
- the "Star-Spangled Banner" (Orange County Sports). It's "The Star-Spangled Banner."
- a *U.S. District Court judge* (Business). *a U.S. district judge*.
- Walter W. Rostow, adviser to . . . Kennedy and Johnson (Opinion). His first name is *Walt*; he was named for poet *Walt Whitman*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- an homage* (Vnetura County Life). *a*.
- Gone is* the malaise, the . . . bickering, the cynicism and . . . insulation (Book Review). *are*.
- sounds like he thinks* . . . (Orange County). *as if*.
- the air is *avulsed* with . . . buzzing (Orange County View). *Avulsed* means pulled off or torn away; it doesn't make much sense here.
- both men are each other's biggest fan* (Calendar). *each man is the other's biggest fan*.
- graduating high school* (Metro). *graduating from high school*.
- the graduate *from* Fullerton College (Orange County). *of*.
- taking a toll *on* the city's psyche (Metro). *of*.
- the *war between the states* (OC Live!). Capitalize: *War Between the States*.

SPELLING:

- [musician] Cannonball *Adderly* (Orange County Calendar). *Adderley*.
- Cattlemen's Wharf* [restaurant] (Orange County). *Cattleman's*.
- [artist] *Frieda Kahlo* (Ventura County Life). *Frida*.
- Prince *George's* County [Md.] (National). No apostrophe: *Georges*.
- Rosencrantz and *Gildenstern* (Ventura County Life). *Guildenstern*.
- [writer] *Frances Halpern* (View). *Halpern*.
- Ingersoll Rand* [company] (National). Hyphenate: *Ingersoll-Rand*.
- La Canada-Flintridge* (Valley). No hyphen: *La Canada Flintridge*.
- MacIntosh* [computer] (National). *Macintosh*.
- Mackintosh* [computer] (View). *Macintosh*.
- Forest Lawn *Memorial Park* (Metro). Hyphenate: *Memorial-Park*.
- Mercedes Benz* (Book Review). Hyphenate: *Mercedes-Benz*.
- Painewebber* [securities] (Business). *PaineWebber*.
- Pavlosk* [Russia] (Travel). *Pavlovsk*.
- [director] *Phillipe de Broca* (OC Live!). *Philippe*.

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- Port au Prince* (Foreign). Hyphenate: *Port-au-Prince*.
- Waldorf Astoria* (Food). Hyphenate: *Waldorf-Astoria*.
- [actor] *Johnny Weismuller* (Travel). *Weissmuller*.
- xantus'* hummingbird (Westside). Capitalize: *Xantus'*.

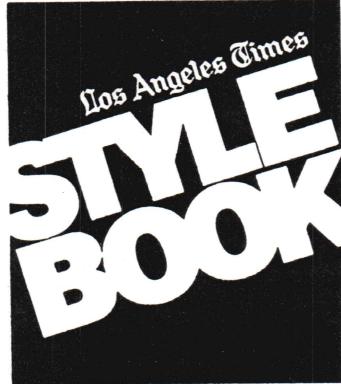
- along-side* (Opinion). One word: *alongside*.
- anti-social* (Real Estate). *antisocial*.
- back-slapping* (Times Magazine, Sports). *backslapping*.
- bee-keeping* (Metro). *beekeeping*.
- bite-sized* (Calendar). *bite-size*.
- blue collar guys* (Orange County Sports). Hyphenate: *blue-collar*.
- bowl-full* (Food). One word: *bowlful*.
- boarding houses* (Travel). *boardinghouses*.
- breast feeding* (View). Hyphenate: *breast-feeding*.
- osso buco* (Norty County Focus). *buco*.
- cancelled* (TV Times). *canceled*.
- a cash and carry deal* (Foreign). Hyphenate: *cash-and-carry*.
- church-goer* (View). One word: *churckgoer*.
- clear-headed* (Book Review). *clearheaded*.
- corn meal* (North County Focus). *cornmeal*.
- counter-coups* (Foreign). *countercoups*.
- door bell* (Real Estate). *doorbell*.
- eighth grader* (Sports). Hyphenate: *eighth-grader*.
- ensconced* (Travel). *ensconced*.
- faceoff* (San Diego Sports). Hyphenate: *face-off*.
- first-hand* research (Calendar). One word: *firsthand*.
- fourth graders* (Food). Hyphenate: *fourth-graders*.
- grade point average* (TV Times). *grade-point*.
- ice cold* (San Diego Sports). *ice-cold*.
- jam-packed* (Valley Sports). One word: *jampacked*.
- johnny cake* (North County Focus). *johnnycake*.
- land use* (Orange County). Hyphenate: *land-use*.
- lay-up* (Orange County Sports). One word: *layup*.
- light-hearted* (San Diego Calendar). *lighthearted*.
- long, drawn-out* runs (Sports). It's one adjective: *long-drawn-out*.
- long-time* [as adjective] (Travel, Op-Ed, Metro). One word: *longtime*.
- millenium* (View). *millennium*.
- name calling* (Times Magazine). Hyphenate: *name-calling*.
- [a state of] *near perfection* (Ventura County). *near-perfection*.
- night-club* (Calendar). One word: *nightclub*.
- numbskull* (San Diego). *numskull*.
- oompah-pah* (OC Live!). *oom-pah-pah*.
- scrap heap* (Calendar). One word: *scrapheap*.
- second-hand* clothes (Valley View). *secondhand*.
- semi-automatic* (Opinion). *semiautomatic*.
- [musical] *side man* (Orange County Calendar). *sideman*.
- sky hook* (Sports). *skyhook*.
- smoke free* (San Diego Calendar). Hyphenate: *smoke-free*.
- snow-capped* (San Diego). One word: *snowcapped*.
- space ship* (Metro). *spaceship*.
- stepping stone* (Orange County Sports). *steppingstone*.
- sub-regional* (Orange County Sports). *subregional*.
- take-off* (San Diego Calendar). One word: *takeoff*.
- tax deductible* (Metro). Hyphenate: *tax-deductible*.
- weight-lifting* (Orange County Sports). One word: *weightlifting*.
- whistleblower* (Metro). Hyphenate: *whistle-blower*.

UPDATE:

- Metro Rail Green Line* (Metro). *Metro Green Line*. It's also *Metro Blue Line*, *Metro Red Line* and *Metro Orange Line*—in conformity with Metro Rail usage.

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Style & Usage Report

August 17, 1993

This report on Suburban section usages covers the period from August 12 through August 15.

SEQUENCE OF TENSES IN INDIRECT QUOTATION:

—This slightly modified reminder from the stylebook: When the main clause is in the past tense, the dependent clause is generally in the past tense as well.

President Clinton said he *went* to Denver to meet with the Pope.

He said he *would go* to Bosnia but decided against it.

He added that his Denver trip *had convinced* him of the justice of his cause.

—NOTE that in these instances the action or condition in the dependent clause is in some way completed.

—There are major exceptions to this rule, and a great deal of newspaper writing is in the realm of the exceptions. For instance, the dependent clause following a verb in the past tense should be in the present tense for expressions of:

The habitual. He said he *goes* to the post office every day.

(If we said *went*, the reader would think he had stopped going.)

The customary. He said there *is* always a picnic on the Fourth of July.

(If we said *was*, the reader would think there no longer is one.)

The characteristic. He said his opponent *moves* skillfully and intelligently under pressure.

(If we said *moved*, the reader would think that this is no longer the case.)

The general truth. He said honesty *is* the best policy.

(If we said *was*, the reader would think that this is no longer the case.)

The continuing. He told me that the men *are* at work on the bridge.

(If we said *were*, the reader would think that work had stopped.)

—NOTE that all these exceptions, in one way or another, imply a **continuing** condition or action.

—The present or future tense should generally be used after a past tense governing verb when the reference is to a point of time still felt as future at the time of writing:

He said he *is going* (or *will go*) to Somalia.

(If we said *was going* or *would go*, the reader would get the impression either that he had gone and returned or that he had not gone at all.)

—NOTE that in this case, too, a controlling factor is the idea of **continuing**. He **continues** to intend to go.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

—City *Attorney* Greg Stepanich (Westside). Spell out his name, *Gregory*, and abbreviate title: City *Atty*.

—Orange *county* (San Gabriel). Capitalize: *County*.

—the *Deloitte and Touche* report (San Gabriel). Note ampersand: *Deloitte & Touche*.

—[he] did not move in *full-time* at . . . (San Gabriel). Hyphenate the adjective, not the adverb: *full time*.

—*inositol* (South Bay). It's a trade name; capitalize: *Inositol*.

—[school] *principal* Sylvia Rousseau (Westside). Capitalize: *Principal*.

—director of *Recreation and Community Services* (Southeast). Lowercase: *recreation and community services*.

—the deteriorating reputation of the U.S. (City Times). Spell out the noun: *United States*.

—*Congressman* Dana Rohrabacher (South Bay). *U.S. Rep.*

—neither Adams nor Wells *were suspects* (South Bay). *was a suspect*.

—[they] did not not want to vote . . . because they knew they *would have lost* (South Bay). *would lose*.

SPELLING:

—the *grand dame* of the city (Southeast). This phrase from the French retains the *e: grande*.

—*long-haired* (San Gabriel). One word: *longhaired*.

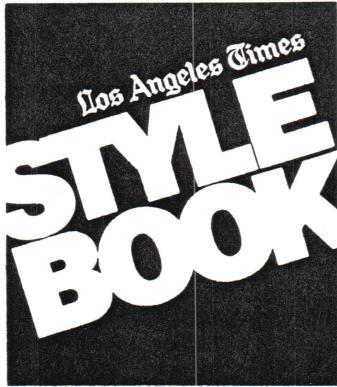
—*second-hand* smoke (South Bay). One word: *secondhand*.

—*table top* (South Bay). One word: *tabletop*.

—*Aesthetica* Surgical Center (Westside). *Aesthetica*.

—[Irwindale] City Manager David *Coretto* (San Gabriel). *Caretto*.

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Style & Usage Report

September 22, 1993

This report covers Suburban usages from September 16 through September 19.

SAID/SAYS:

- This reminder from the stylebook:
- When an individual is quoted, directly or indirectly, the attributive verb is usually in the past tense:

He said, "I am tired of politics."
He said he is tired of politics.
- But when a quotation, direct or indirect, is a habitual comment, the attributive verb may be in the present tense:

He [often] says, "I am tired of politics."
He [often] says he is tired of politics.
- This use of a habitual present is sometimes overdone, and it is often preferable to avoid it or to confine it to indirect quotation. But it is permissible, and there is no compelling need to force it into the past tense to agree with other words in the same story.
- There is a tendency to strain to avoid the attributive *said*, replacing it with more colorful terms.

There is no need to strain. *Said* is usually the preferable word.
- Do not create false attributives:

Wrong: "Hello," he smiled.
Wrong: "You're out of luck," he frowned.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- looked *like* he had stepped out of . . . (Long Beach). *as if*.
- the *Crown Prince* himself (South Bay). Lowercase when not followed by a name: *crown prince*.
- Diagnosed with . . . leukemia . . .*, [he] is seeking . . . (South Bay). Conditions and diseases are diagnosed, not people. Here make it: *His condition having been diagnosed as . . .*
- the submarine USS Guardfish* (Long Beach). *the U.S. submarine Guardfish*.
- each of the city's 14 franchise areas *have* only one cable operator (Westside). *has*.
- Solomon *contends he has . . .* (South Bay). *contends that he . . .* This verb almost always needs *that*.
- Murphy *contended the SEC was . . .* (Westside). *contended that the . . .*
- the clinic *contends the county is . . .* (City Times). *contends that the . . .*
- Congresswoman Jane Harman* (South Bay). *U.S. Rep.* is preferable.

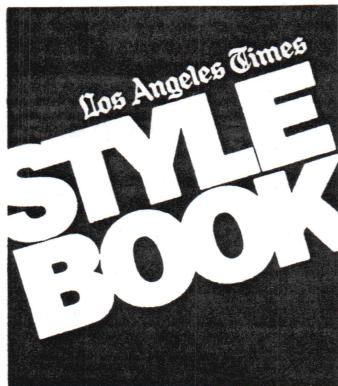
SPELLING:

- schools Supt. Joseph M. *Carillo* (South Bay). *Carillo*.
- screenwriter Richard *Freidenberg* (Glendale). *Friedenberg*.
- Torrance Mayor Katy *Geisert* (South Bay). *Geissert*.
- John *Garmamendi* (Westside). *Garamendi*.
- Hanukah* (Westside). *Hanukkah*.
- Pain Ador et Fantaisie* [restaurant] (South Bay). *Pain, Adour et Fantaisie*.
- Rimsky Korsakov* Conservatory (South Bay). Hyphenate: *Rimsky-Korsakov*.
- blood-sucking* (Westside). One word: *bloodsucking*.
- drag racing* (Long Beach). Hyphenate: *drag-racing*.
- the *ladies* room (Southeast). Note apostrophe: *ladies'*.
- loud speakers* (Long Beach). One word: *loudspeakers*.
- pig sty* (Westside). One word: *pigsty*.
- race track* (Long Beach) One word: *racetrack*.

NAMES:

- Superior Court Judge Carl Davis (Southeast). Carl E. Davis.
- [Councilman] Frederick Barbosa (San Gabriel). Frederick S.

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Style & Usage Report

Nov. 3, 1993

This report covers Suburban usages from Oct. 28 through Oct. 31.

ALTERNATE/ALTERNATIVE:

- This reminder from the stylebook:
- Alternate* means occurring by turns or to take turns doing something. An *alternate* is a person who substitutes for another. *Alternative* means providing a choice, one of the things to be chosen or the choice itself.
- Use *alternate* or *alternately* to express the sense of *one after the other*.
- Use *alternative* or *alternatively* to express the sense of *one or the other*.

FACTS:

- Assemblyman Terry B. Friedman (D-*Encino*) (Westside). *Brentwood*.
- Crosby Heafey Roach & May* [law firm] (San Gabriel). In spite of some references, this firm has commas in its name: *Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May*.
- Griffith Park Observatory* (City Times). It's *Griffith Observatory*.
- Russian Tsar* Frederick the Great who lived from 1723 to 1787. (Glendale). Frederick the Great was the *king of Prussia*; he lived from 1712 to 1786; the preferred spelling of the Russian title is *Czar*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

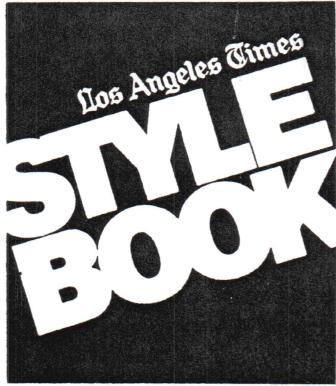
- When he heard the news, *Hacking said*: "I was bouncing off the wall. It was like a dream come true." (San Gabriel). The colon here suggests that Hacking said this when he "heard the news"; but he obviously said it later and is recalling how he reacted at the time. Hence, a comma rather than a colon: *Hacking said*, "I was. . . ."
- the *cut and cover* technique (Westside). Hyphenate: *cut-and-cover*.
- female graduates from coeducational schools (Westside). *of*.
- [school] *principal* Lupe Paramo. (City Times). Capitalize: *Principal*.
- the evidence on the dangers of smoking *were* compelling . . . (Westside). *was*.

SPELLING:

- All Saint's *Episcopal Church* (Westside). No apostrophe: *Saints*.
- Edmund*, Okla. (San Gabriel). *Edmond*.
- La Canada-Flintridge* (Glendale, City Times). No hyphen: *La Canada Flintridge*.
- [candidate] *Francis* Stiglich (South Bay). *Frances*.
- [state] Sen. *Theresa* Hughes (South Bay). *Teresa*.
- cheezy* (Glendale). *cheesy*.
- discrete* parties are held (Southeast). *discreet*.
- facemask* (Westside). Two words: *face mask*.
- fifth graders* (City Times). Hyphenate: *fifth-graders*.
- a *scaled back* version (San Gabriel). Hyphenate: *scaled-back*.
- see-saw* (City Times). One word: *seesaw*.
- ticket holders* (City Times). Hyphenate: *ticket-holders*.

NAMES:

- Municipal Judge *David* Finkel (Westside). *David B. Finkel*.
- Mayor *Albert* Wiemans (South Bay). *Albert G. Wiemans*.
- Mayor *Eugene* Dryden (San Gabriel). *Eugene H. Dryden*.
- Mayor *Michael* Mitoma (South Bay). *Michael I. Mitoma*.
- City Manager *LeRoy* Jackson (South Bay). *LeRoy J. Jackson*.
- [school] board member *Marlys* Kinnel (South Bay). *Marlys J. Kinnel*.
- City Clerk *Vivian* Love (Westside). *Vivian M. Love*.
- [school] board member *Jeffrey* Younggren (South Bay). *Jeffrey N. Younggren*.
- Police Chief *Frank* Till (San Gabriel). *Frank R. Till*.



Style & Usage Report

Nov. 10, 1993

This report covers Suburban usages from Nov. 4 through Nov. 7.

FACTS:

- [school board member] Robert J. Knopf (Westside). His middle initial is *G*.
- the *Mexican-American War* (San Gabriel). It's generally known as the *Mexican War*, and most of our references show it that way.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- District Atty.* Gil Garcetti (South Bay). Abbreviate: *Dist. Atty.*
- election day* (Southeast). Capitalize: *Election Day*.
- [he is] deputy executive director of *Maritime Affairs* (South Bay). Lowercase: *maritime affairs*.
- [they] will lecture of "Architecture . . ." (San Gabriel). *on*.
- police* Chief Ron George (City Times). Capitalize: *Police*.
- the city's director of *Public Works* (City Times). Lowercase: *public works*.
- neither Miller nor Harkema said *they look . . .* (Southeast). *she looks*.
- provided a copy to *the Times* (South Bay). Capitalize: *The*.
- [she] said her top priority *would be . . .* (South Bay). *will*.

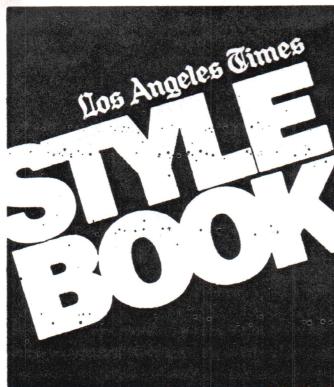
SPELLING:

- All Saint's* Episcopal Church (Westside). No apostrophe: *All Saints*.
- Elk's Lodge* (Southeast). No apostrophe: *Elks Lodge*.
- Hell's Angels* (Southeast). No apostrophe: *Hells Angels*.
- Mayor Harold E. *Hoffman* (South Bay). *Hofmann*.
- Marina del Ray* (Westside). *Marina del Rey*.
- Unified* School District (San Gabriel). *Unified*.
- Von Karmen* Auditorium (San Gabriel). *Von Karman*.
- black and white* photographs (South Bay). Hyphenate the adjective: *black-and-white*.
- cross-hatch* (Westside). One word: *crosshatch*.
- diehard* hippies (Westside). Hyphenate: *die-hard*.
- [to play] a little *eight-ball* (Southeast). No hyphen: *eight ball*.
- flower pot* (South Bay). One word: *flowerpot*.
- mid-sized* (City Times). *mid-size*.
- new-found* (San Gabriel). One word: *newfound*.
- his *\$1,000 a month* stipend (Southeast). Hyphenate the compound adjective: *\$1,000-a-month*.
- school-aged* children (Westside). *school-age*.
- sharp shooting* (Southeast). One word: *sharpshooting*.
- step-brother* (Westside). One word: *stepbrother*.
- voter *turn-out* (San Gabriel). One word: *turnout*.

NAMES:

- [state] Sen. *David* Roberti (Westside). *David A.* Roberti.
- Assemblyman *Terry* Friedman (Westside). *Terry B.* Friedman.
- Councilman *Robert* Benz (South Bay). *Robert (Bergie)* Benz.
- Councilman *Willie* White (San Gabriel). *Willie E.* White.
- Mayor *Jim* Castaneda (San Gabriel). Our lists make it *James*.
- U.S. Rep. *Howard* Berman (Westside). *Howard L.* Berman.
- City Clerk *Richard* Mansfield (South Bay). *Richard L.* Mansfield.
- Council member *Ginny* Lambert (South Bay). *Ginny M.* Lambert.
- Board President *Pam* Sturgeon (South Bay). Our lists make it *Pamela*.
- Mayor *Bob* Bartlett (San Gabriel). *Robert*.
- school board member *Gary* Kuwahara (South Bay). *Gary S.* Kuwahara.
- Councilman *Sam* Edgerton (South Bay). *Sam Y.* Edgerton.

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Style & Usage Report

Nov. 17, 1993

This report covers Suburban usages from Nov. 11 through Nov. 14.

ANIMALS:

- This from the stylebook:
- Do not use a personal pronoun in referring to an animal unless its sex has been established or it has been personalized with a name.

The rabbit was frightened; it fled.
Lassie was frightened; she barked.
The ram lowered his head.
The mare flicked her tail.
- Capitalize names of animals and use Roman numerals to show descent: *Whirlaway II*. Do not use quotation marks around animals' names except when confusion is likely.
- For breed names, follow Webster's New World Dictionary. If the breed is not listed, capitalize names derived from proper names.
- If a zoological name is used, capitalize the genus and italicize both genus and species: *Homo sapiens*. Second reference: *H. sapiens*.

FACTS:

- the *Business Transportation* and Housing Agency (Long Beach). Note comma: *Business, Transportation*.
- Assemblywoman Debra Bowen (D-Venice) (South Bay). *Marina del Rey*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- A T & T* (Southeast). No spaces: *AT&T*.
- councilmen* Robles and Leonard (Southeast). Capitalize: *Councilmen*.
- county jail* (Westside). Capitalize: *County Jail*.
- Cedrus Deodara* (San Gabriel). Capitalize the genus but not the species: *Cedrus deodara*.
- students . . . likely to average *D's and F's* (Westside). Uppercase consonants, except *S*, omit the apostrophe: *Ds and Fs*.
- to substitute some of the candidates who are sons of city workers *with* candidates who have no . . . (Long Beach). Use *replace*.
- the Democratic *party* (South Bay). Uppercase: *Party*.
- foot-stomping* residents (Southeast). A redundancy: Just *stomping* does it.
- a *2 to 1* ratio (Southeast). Hyphenate the adjective: *2-to-1*.
- [a man] *whom* he later discovered was . . . (South Bay). *who*.

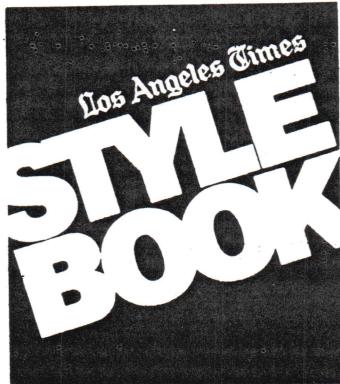
SPELLING:

- comic *ad libs* (South Bay). Hyphenate: *ad-libs*.
- eight-graders* (San Gabriel). *eighth-graders*.
- facemask* (Westside). Two words: *face mask*.
- HIV positive* (Westside). Hyphenate: *HIV-positive*.
- night spots* (City Times). One word: *nightspots*.
- learn to *tap dance . . . tap dancing* (Westside). Hyphenate: *tap-dance . . . tap-dancing*.
- 12th Century* France (South Bay). Hyphenate: *12th-Century*.

NAMES:

- Sen. *David* Roberti (Westside). *David A.* Roberti.
- City Administrator *Linda* Lowry (Southeast). *Linda C.* Lowry.
- City Atty. *Mike* Estrada (City Times). *Michael*.
- Rep. *Walter* Tucker III (South Bay). *Walter R.* Tucker III.
- Councilman *Thomas* Levyn (Westside). *Thomas S.* Levyn.

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Style & Usage Report

Dec. 1, 1993

This report covers Suburban usages from Nov. 25 through Nov. 28.

AFFECT/EFFECT:

- This reminder from the stylebook:
- Affect*, as a verb, means to influence: *The scandal will affect the election*. As a noun, *affect* is a technical term that should be avoided if possible.
- Effect*, as a verb, means to cause: *His election will effect a lot of changes in the system*. As a noun, it means result: *The effect of his election will be devastating*.

FACTS:

- La Petit Escoffier* [restaurant] (Westside). The chef Escoffier was a man: *Le*. Our files show no such restaurant, just *L'Escoffier*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

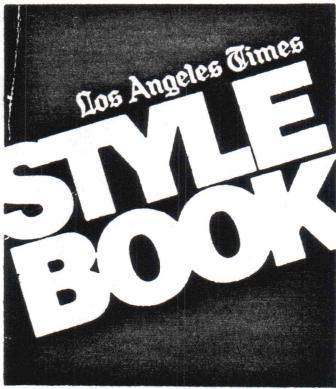
- the [Reagan] *administration* (Westside). Capitalize: *Administration*.
- the Cal State . . . *Anthropology Department* (Westside). Lowercase: *anthropology department*.
- Crenshaw and Redondo Beach *boulevard* (South Bay). Plural: *boulevards*.
- city council* (San Gabriel). Capitalize: *City Council*.
- her *half-pack a day* smoking habit (City Times). Hyphenate: *half-pack-a-day*.
- to read from *Hamlet* (South Bay). Titles take quotation marks: "*Hamlet*."
- [he was] *interior* secretary (Westside). Capitalize: *Interior*.
- Latin-American* artists (City Times). No hyphen: *Latin American*.
- Cuban *Missile Crisis* (South Bay). Lowercase: *missile crisis*.
- to be a *Mensch* (Westside). Lowercase: *mensch*.
- OXFAM* America (San Gabriel). *Oxfam*.
- a *seventh grader* (San Gabriel). Hyphenate: *seventh-grader*.
- more than a *square-mile* of . . . (Westside). No hyphen: *square mile*.
- twice the number* as in Japan (Westside). *twice as many*.

SPELLING:

- wear white *Levis* (South Bay). Note apostrophe: *Levi's*.
- Lili'oukalani* . . . *Lili'uokalani* (South Bay). All our references omit the apostrophe; note the transposed vowels: *Liliuokalani*.
- J. C. *Penny* Court (Southeast). *Penney*.
- All *Saint's* Episcopal Church (Westside). No apostrophe: *Saints*.
- Veteran's Park (South Bay). No apostrophe: *Veterans*.
- an *all right* guy (San Gabriel). Hyphenate: *all-right*.
- bell boy* (South Bay). One word: *bellboy*.
- court house* (Westside). One word: *courthouse*.
- deauthorized* (Westside). Hyphenate: *de-authorized*.
- even-handed* (City Times). One word: *evenhanded*.
- post mortem* (Westside). Hyphenate: *post-mortem*.
- wheelchair accessible* (South Bay). Hyphenate: *wheelchair-accessible*.

NAMES:

- attorney *Philip* Toomey (South Bay). *Philip A.* Toomey.
- attorney *Stiles* Wegener (South Bay). *Stiles C.* Wegener.
- City Manager *Paul* Eckles (South Bay). *Paul D.* Eckles.
- Atty. Gen. *Daniel E.* Lungren (Southeast). He prefers, and we call him, *Dan*.
- City Manager *Gary* Sloan (Southeast). *Gary K.* Sloan.
- City Councilman *Allan* Alexander (Westside). *Allan L.* Alexander.
- school board member *Lillian* Raffel (Westside). *Lillian L.* Raffel.
- former Councilman *Bob* Essertier (South Bay). *Robert*.



Style & Usage Report

Dec. 8, 1993

This report covers Suburban usages from Dec. 2 through Dec. 5.

LIKELY:

- A reminder from the stylebook.
- Use *likely* primarily as an adjective: *a likely candidate*. It does have an adverbial use as a synonym for *probably*, but this should be avoided unless it is accompanied by *very* or *most*.
- Do not, for instance, write, *He will likely attend the convention*. But it is acceptable to make it, *He will very likely attend the convention*.

FACTS:

- Times Mirror Corp. (City Times). *Co.*
- American Friends Services Committee (San Gabriel). *Service*.
- Henry G. Cisneros, *secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development* (San Gabriel). He isn't secretary of the department; he's *U.S. secretary of housing and urban development*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- Chu, a Mark Keppel alumni, showed . . . (San Gabriel). *alumnus*.
- Peter S. Cooke and Associates (City Times). Note ampersand: *Cooke & Associates*.
- Family Savings and Loan (City Times). Note ampersand: *Savings & Loan*.
- Whittier was in shambles (Southeast/Long Beach). *was a shambles*.
- . . . at Flower and Olympic streets (City Times). Olympic is a boulevard: *at Flower Street and Olympic Boulevard*.
- a group comprised of professional singers (South Bay). *composed*.
- village comprised . . . of apartment buildings (City Times). *composed*.
- what figures to be two of the strongest . . . teams (San Gabriel). *figure*.
- . . . its operating in the black (South Bay). Note apostrophe: *it's*.
- working part-time for the city (South Bay). No hyphen in the adverb: *part time*.
- posada (San Gabriel). Italicize lowercase usages: *posada*.
- will likely have a hard time (South Bay). *probably*.
- from a ranchers perspective (South Bay). Note apostrophe: *rancher's*
- Taft High school (South Bay). Capitalize: *School*.
- the term Yippie (San Gabriel). Lowercase and italic: *yippie*.

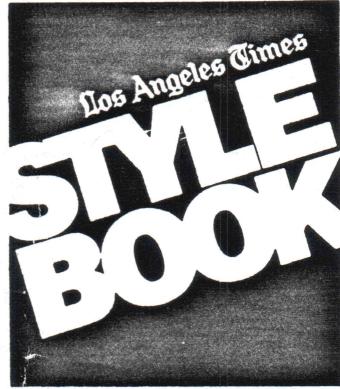
SPELLING:

- the Disney Chanel (Southeast/Long Beach). *Channel*.
- [film star] Johy Wayne (South Bay). *John*.
- not letting students wear Levis (South Bay). Note apostrophe: *Levi's*.
- Los Angles (City Times). *Angelaes*.
- Burke, Williams and Sorenson (South Bay). Note ampersand as well as spelling: & *Sorenson*.
- Vromans' Bookstore (San Gabriel). *Vroman's*.
- ginko trees (South Bay). *ginkgo*.
- ball-handler (Westside). One word: *ballhandler*.
- . . . made a lay-up (City Times). One word: *layup*.
- a long-time aspiration (City Times). One word: *longtime*.
- pull-out (Southeast/Long Beach). One word: *pullout*.
- uncancellable (Westside). *uncancelable*.
- wheelchair accessible (South Bay). Hyphenate: *wheelchair-accessible*.

NAMES:

- Councilman Steve Gourley (Westside). *Steven*.

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Style & Usage Report

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This report covers Suburban usages from Dec. 30 through Jan. 2. It has been delayed because of personal problems.

SORRY, GENERAL!

- Do not use hyphens in titles except to indicate combined offices or non-incumbency:
secretary-treasurer, senator-elect, then-President.
- But:
secretary general, consul general, adjutant general.

FACTS:

- *county* Board of Supervisors (City Times). Capitalize: *County*.
- National *Institute* of Health (Westside). *Institutes*.
- Old Town *Merchant's* Assn. (San Gabriel). No apostrophe: *Merchants*.
- [Pasadena] Councilman William *Thomas* (San Gabriel). *Thomson*.

GRAMMAR, STYLE AND USAGE:

- *college of business administration* . . . at Loyola Marymount (Westside). Capitalize: *College of Business Administration*.
- Yvette Devereaux, *Director* of . . . (Long Beach, Southeast). Lowercase titles after names: *director*.
- 300 East Green St. (San Gabriel). Abbreviate: *300 E. Green St.*
- *D's and F's* . . . *B's and C's* (Westside). No apostrophe: *Ds and Fs* . . . *Bs and Cs*.
- *forbid* gang members *from having* . . . (Long Beach, Southeast). Either *forbid* . . . *to have* or *prohibit* . . . *from having*. You don't *forbid from*, except from a place.
- in *municipal court* (San Gabriel). Capitalize: *Municipal Court*.
- *1 in 3* Americans will . . . (Westside). Spell out: *one in three*.
- *Politics Department* of Occidental College (San Gabriel). Lowercase academic departments: *politics department*.
- he will *likely* get . . . (Long Beach, Southeast). *probably*.
- *sheriff's* officials said . . . (South Bay). *Sheriff's Department* officials.
- U.S. *District Court* Judge J. Spencer Letts (Long Beach, Southeast). *U.S. District Judge*.

SPELLING:

- *Domiguez* High [school] (Long Beach, Southeast). *Dominguez*.
- *Lochness* Avenue (South Bay). *Lockness*.
- *Mercedes Benz* (Westside). Hyphenate: *Mercedes-Benz*.
- *Port's O' Call* Village (Long Beach, Southeast). Just one apostrophe: *Ports O' Call*.
- Johnny *Weismuller* (San Gabriel). *Weissmuller*.
- *boarding house* (Westside). One word: *boardinghouse*.
- *chess board* (City Times). One word: *chessboard*.
- *consul-general* (Westside). No hyphen: *consul general*.
- *ear plugs* (South Bay). One word: *earplugs*.
- *eighth graders* (Westside). Hyphenate: *eighth-graders*.
- *floor board* (City Times). One word: *floorboard*.
- working his way through the *high rise* (Westside). Hyphenate: *high-rise*.
- a *horse-car* line (City Times). One word: *horsecar*.
- *semi-classical* (City Times). One word: *semiclassical*.
- *villagelike* (South Bay). Hyphenate: *village-like*.

NAMES:

- Park Service Director *Roger Kennedy* (Westside). *Roger G. Kennedy*.
- Councilwoman *Judith Dunlap*. (South Bay). *Judith L. Dunlap*.
- [Rep] *Mervyn Dymally* (City Times). *Mervyn M. Dymally*
- City Atty. *John Calhoun* (Southeast). *John R. Calhoun*.
- Councilman *Dick Switz* (South Bay). *Richard*.

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